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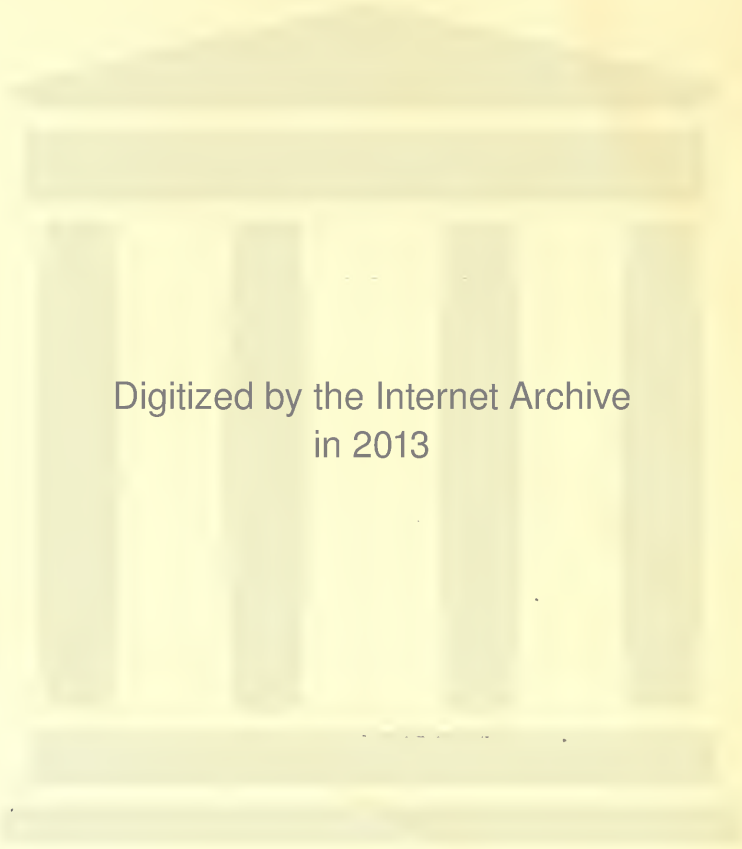

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Spring Meeting

Grace Covenant Church, Richmond.

April 21, 1936.

East Hanover Presbytery met at 10 A. M.

The retiring moderator, Rev. George C. Swedburg, preached the opening sermon from John 15:5, "For without me ye can do nothing."

The following members of Presbytery were enrolled:

Ministers—J. S. Albertson, Walter W. Bain, J. Blanton Belk, M. C. Bowling, O. E. Burchholz, D. T. Caldwell, Wm. S. Campbell, W. L. Carson, Geo. L. Cooper, Jos. H. Cudlipp, N. L. Dennis, Joseph S. Duckwall, Hugh Fitzpatrick, M. B. Heizer, J. Edwin Hemphill, Wm. E. Hill, Jr., R. V. Lancaster, Richard V. Lancaster, H. A. McBath, W. T. McDonald, Chas. A. McGirt, Edward Mack (2), A. Makovsky, A. B. Montgomery, J. Malcolm Murchison, Fred V. Poag, M. B. Porter, Michaux Raine, Abner Robertson, D. P. Rogers, John W. Sherman, J. C. Shive, George C. Swedburg, R. E. Watts, W. W. White, Herman J. Womeldorf, Marshall B. Wyatt—37.

Elders Present—H. H. Baird, Chester Church; Custis Benton, Hopewell First; M. B. Blanton, Providence; W. Boisseau, L. D. Booth, Forest Hill; Sterling Bragg, Petersburg Second; L. E. Briggs, Grove Avenue; Jno. L. Butler, Hoge Memorial; Alex. Campbell, St. James; W. M. Cease, Overbrook; R. Lee Chambliss, Brunswick; A. L. Davis, West End; S. L. Drake, Woodlawn; W. G. Dunn, Drewry's Bluff; R. L. Edwards, Fairmount; Fred W. Faber, Fulton; G. W. Fidler, Milden; W. K. Fitch, Fairfield; A. B. Gathright, Lakeside; Alexander D. Hamilton, Tabb Street; Rives B. Hardy, Blackstone; L. E. Harvie, Grace Covenant; H. F. Hatcher, Read Memorial; Wm. R. Hill, Richmond Third; N. J. Inge, Roseneath; W. B. Jenkins, Forest Hill; Nat Lancaster, Ashland; H. W. Lathrop, Namozine; R. H. Lewis, Hawkins Memorial; Samuel B. Love, Richmond Second; R. E. Monsell, Westminster; J. Hall Moore (2) (alternate), Ashland; G. Lloyd Nunnally, Porter Street; Dr. W. A. Plecker (2) (alternate), Roseneath; N. R. Palmer, Brett-Reed; R. W. Roberts, Ginter Park; Ewell Somers, Burkeville; R. E. Steele, Mizpah; W. F. Stevenson, Lakeside; O. L. Stout, Montrose; Guy W. Stulting, Richmond First; Geo. K. Taylor, Amelia; J. R. Thompson, Emporia; E. H. Turnes, Petersburg Third; John Vtipil, First Czechoslovak; Edward S. Wood, Sandston—46.

The Program Committee presented its report fixing the hours of sessions and the schedule of business and it was approved.

Rev. J. S. Albertson was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. T. McDonald was elected Temporary Clerk.

Communications were received from Rev. A. Y. Beatie, Rev. W. H. Stuart, and Rev. A. J. Hodgin, asking to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery, and the requests were granted.

Mr. Beatie was given leave to labor outside of the bounds of Presbytery until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. T. B. Anderson asked to be dismissed to Mecklenburg Presbytery and the request was granted.

Read Memorial Church: A communication from the Session of Read Memorial Church was received in regard to securing a supply for its pulpit. It was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies, with instruction to consider it and to make a report to Presbytery.

Rev. H. J. Womeldorf: The commission appointed to install Rev. Herman J. Womeldorf pastor of the Fulton Church made its report, and it was ordered recorded in minutes of Presbytery.

Mrs. C. F. Cole, President of the Presbyterial Auxiliary, was invited to present the report of the Presbyterial in connection with report of the Presbytery's Committee on Woman's Work. She did this and the Presbytery expressed its appreciation of what she did by a unanimous rising vote. Her report was ordered included in the report of Woman's Work.

Woman's Work: The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was presented and was adopted, and it is as follows:

Your Committee on Woman's Work respectfully submits the following report:

For Statistical report see Appendix.

Your Chairman has attended one District Conference and the Mid-Winter Executive Committee meeting and took part in both meetings. He has kept in close touch with the President of the Presbyterial.

Your Committee calls the attention of the Presbytery to the splendid and sacrificial work of the Presbyterial President, and of

all those who labor with her in the Presbyterial and the local Auxiliaries. It is urged that the pastors inform themselves of the accomplishments of this most helpful organization for woman's work in this Presbytery and that they co-operate in every way with the local Auxiliaries.

Recommendations:

1. That we express our great appreciation to Mrs. C. F. Cole for her untiring work, as Presbyterial President, and to the whole Auxiliary for its indispensable aid in the promotion of the Kingdom.

2. That the Presbyterial President be invited each year to make a report to the Presbytery, to be a part of the report on Woman's Work.

3. That the sessions of the local churches inform each woman uniting with the Church that she is a member of the Auxiliary.

4. That each Auxiliary be urged to assume a definite part of the church's budget.

CHAS. A. McGIRT, Chairman.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF 1935-1936.

Auxiliary Members? 5,231. Auxiliaries in Presbyterial? 63. Auxiliaries enrolled but not reporting? 0.

Organizations not belonging to Presbyterial? 0.

Auxiliaries averaging 50% in attendance? 23.

Auxiliaries, including every resident woman member of Church? 52.

Auxiliaries having membership of more than 25? 41.

Auxiliaries divided in Circles? 41. How many gen. Circles? 174.

Auxiliaries whose general Circles shift annually? 24.

Auxiliaries contributing to all Denominational Benevolences? 46.

Auxiliaries increasing gifts to each of six Assembly Causes? 20.

Auxiliaries undertaking White Cross Work? 57.

Home Circles? 14. Members? 230.

Business Woman's or Evening Circles? 28. Members? 894.

Auxiliaries observing General Study Season? 41.

Mission Study:

Church Schools of Missions? 5.

Mission Study Classes? 26. Reading Circles? 23.

Auxiliaries observing Season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions? 45.

No. Auxiliary and Circle programs on Foreign Missions? 227.

Auxiliaries observing Season of Prayer and Self-Denial for Assembly's Home Missions? 43.

Number Auxiliary and Circle programs on Assembly's Home Missions? 160.

Auxilaries making special offering in December for Ministerial Relief? 45.

Number of Auxiliaries and Circle programs on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief? 129.

Auxiliaries in touch with Young People in Schools and Colleges? 25.

Auxiliaries cooperating in promoting Religious Education? 46.

Girl's Circles? 20. Members? 381.

Number Auxiliary and Circle programs on Religious Education? 129.

Prayer Groups? 159. Members? 2,011.

Auxiliary Bible Classes? 152. Members? 2,074.

Family Altars? 511. Tithers? 768.

Auxiliaries having a Personal Workers' Group? 15.

Copies Prayer Calendar used? 816.

Survey Readers? 878. Canvasses made? 46.

Church Paper Readers? 777. Canvasses made? 40.

Auxiliaries subscribing to Year Book Literature? 45.

Auxiliaries doing Christian Social Service? 52.

Auxiliaries having history written for current year? 21.

Group Conferences held? 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

To Denominational Benevolences.

1.	Foreign Missions	$ 7,802
	(a) Birthday Gift—Golden Castle Col.	1,208
2.	Assembly's Home Missions	2,801
3.	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	1,426
4.	Religious Education and Publication	366
5.	Assembly Training School for Lay Workers	261
6.	Bible Cause	82
7.	Synod's Home Missions	417
8.	Religious Education in Synod or Presbytery	260
9.	Homes	890
10.	Educational Institutions	842
11.	Presbytery's Home Missions	2,827
	Total, Denominational Benevolences	**$ 19,182**
12.	Auxiliary Special Benevolences	1,976
	Total, All Benevolences	**$ 21,158**

To Local Church Work.

13. Current Expenses:	
(a) Local Auxiliary Current Expenses	$ 2,806
(b) Presbyterial and Synodical Contingent Fund	900
(c) Local Church	4,216
14. Building Expense	2,954
Total, Local Church Work	$ 10,876
15. Miscellaneous Contributions	$ 785
Total, All Benevolences	$ 21,158
Total, Local Church Work	10,876
Miscellaneous Contributions	785
Grand Total, All Contributions	$ 32,819
Total decrease compared with last year	$ 96
Amount per capital	6

Note: "Local Church" in No. 13 (c) above, includes gifts (if any) to Pastors' salaries, Church and Sunday School Current Expenses, and gifts to Christian Social Service which includes Congregational Missions.

Treasurer's Reports: The report of Mr. W. F. Stevenson, the Treasurer of Presbytery, and his report as Treasurer of Benevolences were read and referred to the Finance Committee. They are as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEVOLENCES.

March 31st, 1936.

Receipts for approved benevolent causes exceeded those of last year by only $762.43, a little over 1.6 per cent.

Twenty-one churches paid 100 per cent or more of the amount asked by Presbytery. Roseneath standing at the head of the list with 608 per cent and Union next with 502.7 per cent. Twelve paid from 75 to 99 per cent; eight from 50 to 74 per cent and twenty 49 per cent or less.

Bardwell, Centralia, Ginter Park, Richmond First and Nottoway churches do not distribute their benevolent funds through this office.

A general summary of receipts and disbursements is as follows:

Received from Churches	$ 49,165.65

Disbursements.

Assembly's Causes	$30,451.75	
Synod's Causes	9,806.53	
Presbytery's Causes	7,737.79	
Total Regular Causes		47,996.07
Assembly's Sustentation Fund	738.00	
East Hanover Presbyterial	14.00	
Daily Vacation Bible Schools	90.00	
Grundy School	100.00	
Stillman Institute	1.00	
Total Special Causes		943.00
Current Expenses included in checks for benevolences:		
Presbyterial Taxes	198.00	
Synod's Entertainment Fund.	7.10	
Diamond Jubilee Fund	21.48	
Total Current Expenses		226.58
Total Disbursements		$49,165.65

For itemized statement of receipts and disbursements see appendix.

Drewry's Bluff Church asked that its arrearage for Presbyterial tax due prior to 1934 be cancelled, and the request was granted.

Double Taxation: It being stated that some churches were being taxed on donations made them. when the tax had already been paid on those amounts by the contributing churches, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and report.

Religious Education: The report of the Committee on Religious Education was presented by the chairman. Rev. W. E. Hill, Jr. Pending its consideration. Rev. J. S. Duckwall made an address on the Daily Vacation Bible School; Rev. Abner Robertson. on Adult Work; and Mr. P. Warren on Young People's Work. The report was adopted, and it is as follows:

(See Appendix.)

Presbytery took recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Presbytery reconvened at 2 P. M.

Standing Committees—The Moderator appointed the following Standing committees:

Bills and Overtures—Rev. G. C. Swedburg, Rev. W. W. Bain, W. Boisseau.

Minutes of Presbytery—Rev. D. P. Rogers, Rev. H. J. Womeldorf, O. L. Stout.

Presbyterial Sermon—Rev. W. W. White, Rev. J. W. Sherman, R. L. Chambliss.

Finance—Rev. M. B. Wyatt, W. R. Hill, E. S. Wood.

Courtesy—Rev. G. L. Cooper, Rev. J. S. Duckwall, Alexander Campbell.

Time and Place of Next Meeting—Rev. R. V. Lancaster, Rev. W. T. McDonald, H. H. Bain.

Permanent Committees—The Nominating Committee made the following report, naming the permanent committees, and it was adopted, and the report is as follows:

Foreign Missions—Chairman, W. L. Carson, D. P. Rogers, W. W. Bain, H. A. McBath, M. B. Porter, W. W. White. Elders, J. H. Reed, Herbert Jackson, R. M. Friend.

Assembly's Home Missions—Chairman, W. W. Bain, O. E. Buchholz, J. S. Duckwall, M. C. Bowling, H. J. Womeldorf.

Presbytery's Home Missions—Chairman, D. T. Caldwell, W. E. Hill, J. A. MacLean, J. B. Belk, G. L. Cooper, D. P. Rogers, M. B. Heizer, Edward Mack, J. E. Hemphill. Elders: C. F. Cole, J. H. Reed, R. F. Dillard, Dr. C. E. Crawford, R. S. Gray, W. S. Rhoads.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief—Chairman, W. E. Hill, J. S. Albertson, E. B. Paisley, Edward Mack. Elder: J. Scott Parrish.

Religious Education—Chairman, W. E. Hill, Jr., Abner Robertson, T. K. Currie, J. S. Duckwall, J. M. Murchison, J. H. Cudlipp. Elder: H. H. Wood.

Synod's Home Missions—Chairman, J. E. Hemphill, N. L. Dennis, C. A. McGirt, M. B. Heizer. Elder: Dr. C. A. Blanton.

Benevolent Institutions—Chairman, M. C. Bowling, J. C. Shive, J. W. Sherman, H. J. Womeldorf. Elder: W. F. Stevenson.

Bible Cause—Chairman, A. B. Montgomery, T. K. Currie, G. C. Swedburg, M. B. Porter. Elder: W. R. Lecky.

Moral and Spiritual Welfare—Chairman, E. T. Thompson, J. A. MacLean, E. B. Paisley, R. V. Lancaster, J. E. Hemphill.

Women's Work—Chairman, C. A. McGirt, O. E. Buchholz, N. L. Dennis, W. W. White. Elder: Dr. C. A. Blanton.

Historical—Chairman, Edward Mack, Wm. S. Campbell, D. P. Rogers, Michaux Raine. Elder: Nat Lancaster.

Stewardship—Chairman, J. B. Belk, W. E. Hill, W. L. Carson, D. T. Caldwell, D. P. Rogers, M. B. Wyatt. Elders: Herbert Jackson, W. R. Hill, H. H. Wood.

Calls and Supplies—Chairman, J. S. Albertson, Wm. S. Campbell, N. L. Dennis, W. T. McDonald, Richard V. Lancaster.

Religious Work in State Institutions—Chairman, Richard V. Lancaster, H. A. McBath, J. M. Murchison, F. V. Poag. Elder: J. A. Millard.

Synod's Committee on Vacancy and Supply—N. L. Dennis.

Spiritual Life—Chairman, G. L. Cooper, J. B. Belk, H. A. McBath, W. E. Hill, Jr., E. B. Paisley.

Sessional Records—Chairman, Fred V. Poag.

Assembly's Institutions—Chairman, C. A. McGirt, O. E. Buchholz, F. V. Poag.

Auditing—Chairman, W. F. H. Enos, R. S. Gray, Dr. W. A. Plecker, L. D. Booth. Minister: A. B. Montgomery.

Trustees of East Hanover Presbytery, Inc.—For three years, C. B. Richardson, W. E. Hill. For two years, George E. Haw, D. T. Caldwell. For one year, C. F. Cole, Harry Woody.

Examining Committees.

Theology—W. E. Hill, D. T. Caldwell, J. A. MacLean, J. B. Belk.

Church Government and Sacraments—E. T. Thompson, Wm. S. Campbell, W. W. Bain, C. A. McGirt.

Church History—W. E. Hill, Jr., W. L. Carson, G. L. Cooper, J. S. Albertson.

English Bible—E. B. Paisley, W. W. White, M. C. Bowling, J. C. Shive.

ABNER ROBERTSON, Chairman.

The Presbyterian League: Mr. J. Scott Parrish was given the privileges of the floor and addressed the Presbytery on the work of the Presbyterian League. The Trustees of East Hanover Presbytery, Incorporated, were requested to confer with the representatives of the League, and this joint body was requested to consider any suggestions that the League may present and to make to the Presbytery any recommendations that it sees fit to present.

Rev. E. D. Torres: The special committee to confer with

Rev. E. D. Torres presented the following report, and it was adopted:

Your Committee to Report on the Relationship of Rev. E. D. Torres makes the following report:

Mr. Torres, a member of this Presbytery, was for a number of years a Foreign Missionary, working in Cuba, under the direction of the Foreign Missions Committee of our Church. When our Church turned over its work in Cuba to the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., Mr. Torres continued in the work, but made no report to this Presbytery. A number of letters were written to him by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, to which no reply was received. Presumably the letters were not received by him, as he had moved without the Stated Clerk's knowing that fact.

A few months ago, after correspondence with the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., and the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Cuba, his present address was learned.

Through correspondence with the Stated Clerk of the Cuba Presbytery and Mr. Torres, it was learned that when the mission work was turned over, Mr. Torres understood that he was turned over with it. The Cuba Presbytery received Mr. Torres into its membership without having received or even having asked for his dismission from East Hanover Presbytery. During these years his name has been carried on the roll of East Hanover Presbytery, and also on the roll of the Cuba Presbytery.

East Hanover Presbytery has been entirely ignorant of this situation; but Mr. Torres says that he did not intentionally do anything which could be considered illegal or improper. He expresses his regret at having done anything that he should not have done.

He now asks that he be granted a letter of dismission to the Cuba Presbytery.

We recommend that this request be granted.

We recommend, also, that the attention of the Cuba Presbytery be called to the irregularity of its action in receiving Mr. Torres into its membership without securing his transfer from East Hanover Presbytery.

WM. S. CAMPBELL, Chairman.
W. A. PLECKER.

Thompson Southall: A telegram from Rev. C. D. Fulton, D. D., Secretary of Foreign Missions, concerning candidate Thompson Southall, was received and it was referred to the Committee on Christian Education. The telegram is as follows:

Thompson Southall desires ordination as evangelist. Our committee expects to appoint him missionary to Korea on completion his preparation next year, provided finances permit.

C. DARBY FULTON.

Assembly's Institutions: This committee made a report, and pending its consideration, Miss Mary Crawford and Miss Ruth Walker of the General Assembly's Training School, and Mr. J. Scott Parrish addressed the Presbytery on the Training School and its work. The report was adopted and is as follows:

We recommend: I. That the Presbytery express its thanks to Miss Mary Crawford and Miss Ruth Walker for bringing to the Presbytery their messages on what the Training School means to them.

II. That the Presbytery indorse the plan of the Executive Board of the Training School as outlined by Mr. Scott Parrish to make an intensive campaign in this Presbytery on behalf of the Training School; and that all churches which have not already done so, be requested to take an offering for the school, and to cooperate with the committee under the new schedule.

Revision of the Confession of Faith: The report of this committee was taken from the docket. And after a brief discussion it was replaced on the docket for consideration at a future meeting of Presbytery and the committee was continued. (See Minutes, May 21, 1935, page 131.)

The report is as follows:

At the last regular meeting of Presbytery, the Stated Clerk was directed to send the report of this committee to the chairman of the General Assembly's Committee on Changes in the Confession of Faith, with the request that it be considered in the formation of its report to the General Assembly; meanwhile the report was replaced on the docket of Presbytery for further consideration.

The General Assembly's Committee has considered the report of Presbytery's Committee, but has not yet completed its own report. It will ask to be continued by the General Assembly, and to be allowed to report next year.

We recommend that the report be retained on the docket of the Presbytery for such action as may seem wise when the Assembly's Committee has completed its report.

Next Meeting: An invitation was received from the Fredericksburg Church, asking Presbytery to hold its fall meeting

with it, and was referred to the Committee on Time and Place of the Next Meeting.

R. D. Carson: A telegram from the Stated Clerk of West Hanover Presbytery was received, which stated that that Presbytery had dismissed to this Presbytery Candidate R. D. Carson. Upon this evidence the Presbytery received Mr. Carson.

Rev. R. E. Watts presented to the Presbytery his request that the pastoral relations, existing between him and the Emporia, Aberdour, Lawrenceville and Union Churches, be dissolved. Communications were received from the churches uniting in this request. The request was granted, and at his request Mr. Watts was dismissed to Central Mississippi Presbytery.

The following committee was appointed to advise and counsel with these churches in securing another pastor, and to declare the pulpits vacant: Rev. N. L. Dennis, Rev. M. B. Heizer, and R. F. Dillard.

Presbytery took recess until 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Presbytery reconvened at 8 P. M.

The Presbyterial Sermon was preached by Rev. M. B. Porter, on "The Bible the Authority of Our Faith".

The Communion service was conducted by Rev. T. K. Currie and Rev. D. T. Caldwell.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9:15 tomorrow morning.

MORNING SESSION—APRIL 22.

Presbytery convened at 9:15 A. M.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. D. P. Rogers.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Mr. L. Wilson Jarman, President of Mary Baldwin College, was introduced to the Presbytery and was given the privileges of the floor.

Grove Avenue Church presented to the Presbytery a communication, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Grove Avenue Church presented a request for permission to employ Mr. Frank L. Elvey as stated supply. The request was referred to the Committee on Calls and Supplies.

Rev. M. B. Porter: Presbytery adopted the following resolution:

"Inasmuch as Rev. M. B. Porter has reached the age limit in his service with the American Bible Society, and has been retired; therefore, be it ordained that he be enrolled as honorably retired."

Diamond Jubilee: The committee on this subject presented a report and it was placed on the docket.

Foreign Missions: The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, the recommendations of which were adopted and are as follows:

We recommend:

1. That, in keeping with the strong missionary tone of our first General Assembly, we make this Jubilee Year a year of special missionary preaching.

2. That, during the Foreign Mission month of May every pastor be urged to preach a sermon on Foreign Missions, using as his basis the missionary declaration of our First Assembly. (The historical, educational, and missionary value of this can hardly be overestimated.)

3. That all of the churches in the Presbytery be asked for an increase of at least 25% in their contributions to Foreign Missions during the current year in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly.

Rev. George C. Swedburg requested that the pastoral relations existing between him and the Fairmount Church be dissolved. The request was placed on the docket, and the church was cited to appear in the case.

Home Missions: The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented, and, pending its adoption, Presbytery heard Mr. H. R. Lowman, the student supply of the Woodlawn Church, on his work with that church. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

THE FIELDS AND WORKERS.

This field of labor is located in the very heart of the territory included in the first Presbytery organized in the South, more than one hundred eighty years ago.

That this Presbytery continues to be distinctly a Home Mission Presbytery is evidenced by the fact that there are only thirteen independent self-supporting churches within its bounds. There are twelve churches self-supporting through the grouping of two or more churches, while there are forty churches and ten other congregations which must receive aid, if they are to have a regular pastor. It will also be of interest perhaps to note that five out of the twenty-three counties comprising this Presbytery do not have a Presbyterian church in them.

We can note only a few of the accomplishments of the churches receiving aid through the Home Mission Committee.

1. Burkeville-Bardwell—Rev. M. C. Bowling, pastor.

While these churches have lost heavily in membership and money in the last years, Burkeville Church is steadfastly facing the future and feel they can restore at least $100 of pastor's salary, which they were forced to reduce during the most difficult days.

2. Namozine-Hawkins Memorial Churches—Rev. Hugh Fitzpatrick, pastor.

Namozine Church reports four added to the church by letter, while Hawkins Memorial reports ten added to the church, nine coming by profession of their faith in Christ.

The Men-of-the-Church continue their activities and this organization has meant a great deal to these churches in bringing these men together in one organization. The fellowship is fine and their accomplishments are worthy of note. More strength to the Men-of-the-Church.

3. Third Church, Petersburg and Colonial Heights—Rev. M. B. Wyatt, pastor.

This grouping was effected last summer, effective September 1, 1935, and seems to be entirely satisfactory to all.

Colonial Heights has paid interest on the debt, painted the church outside and inside, and expect to be able to reduce their debt a small amount during the coming year.

Third Church (Petersburg) has made considerable progress during the year just closed. Nine additions by letter are reported and the outlook for future growth is encouraging.

The church property is now being repaired and plans are being made to paint same within the next few months.

The response to the Every-Member Canvass was very encourag-

ing. There were only 18 subscribers to the budget last year, while for the year 1936-37 there are 66 subscribers to same.

Their debt is being curtailed satisfactorily and in two more years they expect to be free of debt.

4. Brett-Reed-St. James group—Rev. J. S. Duckwall, pastor.

Both of these churches held evangelistic meetings last year and three were added to the church at St. James as result of the meeting held there.

Two were received into the Brett-Reed Church, by letter, as the result of the meeting held in that church.

Mr. and Mrs. Duckwall have been giving a good account of their stewardship in these churches and the good people of these congregations have been showing their appreciation of their efforts by giving their loyal support to their pastor.

5. Providence-Genito (Powhatan County)—Rev. W. T. McDonald, pastor. Hebron-Byrd (Goochland County).

Perhaps Mr. McDonald can boast of the largest "field" within the Presbytery, serving all the Presbyterian Churches in two counties, four in number. This he does, however, in a most acceptable manner, notwithstanding the fact that he is supposed to "cover" two counties.

Twelve were added to the church in these fields last year, nine coming in on profession of faith, three by letter.

6. Sandston-Laurel—Rev. C. A. McGirt, pastor.

While Sandston is in reality self-supportng, we are glad to note in this report the progress that has been made during the year just closed.

Their church debt hangs as a mill-stone around their necks, but they refuse to be discouraged, either because of the debt or the inability of the Presbyterian League to give them aid, but instead, they are keeping the interest paid up and steadily paying on the principal. Eleven were added to the church last year, eight on profession of faith in Christ.

Laurel—The present grouping seems to be a happy one and the small appropriation made by the Committee to the support of this work is indeed well used and the returns are very gratifying.

No "big" things have been accomplished during the year, but the "little" things have been well attended to and pastor and people are happy. No debt; all bills paid in full.

7. Millford (Caroline County)—Rev. J. C. Shive, pastor.

This is the only Presbyterian Church in Caroline and the only church in the village of Milford. They report no debt, bills paid in full. A very successful meeting was held last year and eleven were received into the church on profession of faith and three by letter.

8. Drewry's Bluff-Chester-Centralia—Rev. A. B. Montgomery, pastor.

This grouping was effected last September 1st and on same date Rev. A. B. Montgomery became pastor-supply. The pastor has entered upon his duties with enthusiasm and the people have given him a cordial reception. The Young People's League of the Presbytery have paid for a bus to transport Sunday School scholars from the Ampthill area to the Drewry's Bluff Church.

New interest is being shown in the Centralia Church; Drewry's Bluff is doing a splendid piece of Home Mission work and Chester reports progress, having received five new members during the past year.

Twelve were added to the Drewry's Bluff Church during the past year; eleven by letter; one by profession of faith.

9. Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Rev. Geo. C. Swedburg, pastor.

The pastor states that the year just closed has been, in some respects, the best year Fairmount has enjoyed since he has served the church. During the nine years pastorate much has been accomplished in this field.

Nine were added to the church on profession of faith and three came in by letter. Financially, they report the best year during the nine years of the present pastorate. This has been accomplished through sacrifice, diligent effort and commendable cooperation.

10. Forest Hill-Granite—Rev. Abner Robertson, pastor.

The Forest Hill Presbyterian Church and the Granite Church have recently been grouped under the pastorate of Rev. Abner Robertson.

Dr. Wm. S. Campbell has served the Granite Church for nearly twenty-four years as their faithful pastor and upon his resignation, March 1st, 1936, the above grouping was made. The present arrangement seems to be almost ideal and both churches have shown a very fine spirit in the whole of the proceedings and Mr. Robertson has accepted the added duties and has entered upon his new duties with enthusiasm and great expectancy.

The goal of these churches, as stated by the pastor, is self-support by the end of the year 1938.

11. Hopewell First-West End—Rev. W. E. Hill, Jr., pastor.

Hopewell First Church reports a very good year notwithstanding the many difficulties faced during the year. Here again debt stares a congregation in the face, but this congregation reports progress along this line. $595.00 paid last year on this debt. Other bills paid in full.

Mrs. Ellen Weaver is a worthy helper and faithful Church Sec-

retary. As Presbytery's Worker she assists in both Hopewell First and West End Churches.

West End reports "building debt paid in full". An additional church worker has been secured by this church, through cooperation of some friends, and the church which was only a mission a few years ago, now has nearly 600 members and is supporting in part a home mission worker.

Forty-six were added to the church last year; thirty on profession of faith and 16 by letter. The West End Church also reports 120 tithers. First Church reports 30 tithers and six added to the church during the last year; five by profession and one by letter. One hundred fifty tithers in one pastorate out of a combined membership of about 700.

The Seventeenth Street Colored Mission in Richmond—This work, while supported by local contributions and an appropriation from Assembly's Home Missions, is under the supervision of this committee. Mr. T. Russell Nunan, a student at Union Seminary, has served as Superintendent during the year. He reports each month to this committee, and these reports show the work to be in a healthy condition. This is one of the outstanding missions for colored people conducted by the Southern Presbyterian Church. The Advisory Committee, of which Mr. W. S. Rhoads is Chairman, is making a splendid contribution in caring for this important field. Mr. Rhoads himself has given largely of his time and means to this work.

Secretary of Home Mission—Rev. N. L. Dennis. It is impossible to speak adequately in a short statement of the far-reaching service rendered by our Secretary of Home Missions. He is diligent in his work of supervision of all the fields under the direction of the committee. This fact is attested by the numerous visits to the various parts of the Presbytery to aid and counsel with the workers in meeting their problems. He has also spoken in a number of churches, presenting the cause of Home Missions. For the same purpose he visited several of the District Conferences of the Presbyterial. His reports to the committee show that he is not only acquainted with the several fields, but is also familiar with the problems confronted by the workers. In addition to the service rendered directly to the committee he has served the Presbytery in discharging many duties laid on him which could not possibly be expected of the average pastor. He is an invaluable servant of the Presbytery.

An appeal for aid from a new field has come before the committee. This is the Woodlawn Church of Hopewell. This work was started under the direction of the Hopewell First Church. Later the mission was taken under the care of the Tabb Street Church of

Petersburg. The student serving the Hollywood mission of this Church also served Woodlawn. The growth of the work and its organization into a church tells something of the fine type of work which was done by these student pastors. During the past year, under the leadership of Mr. H. R. Lowman, Jr., and Mr. Charles N. Pratt, students of Union Seminary, the Church has reached the point where a full-time pastor is required. A survey of the community shows an unusual opportunity for development, this being the only church of any denomination in a community of about 2,000, where there are many church members unattached, and a large number of prospects. The congregation has shown the proof of its desire for a pastor by subscribing a good sum towards a pastor's salary, and has requested an appropriation from this committee to supplement this amount. Your committee has promised to give this aid, and will make a recommendation for the same in the list of appropriations. It has been several years since any new work has been undertaken by this committee. May this be the first step in a great forward movement of Home Missons in East Hanover Presbytery.

Statement of Treasurer Home Missions Committee, East Hanover Presbytery, April 16, 1936.

Balance April 1, 1935		$ 1,437.08
Receipts.		
Central Treasurer		7,737.79
Ginter Park Church		464.91
First Presbyterian Church		825.00
Refund M. B. Wyatt		12.50
Interest Fitzgerald Legacy		346.11
		$10,823.39
Disbursements.		
West End Church, Hopewell	$ 25.00	
Back salaries	915.50	
Third Church, Petersburg	275.00	
Postage (Treasurer)	5.00	
Fairfield Church	25.00	
Salaries	8,277.76	
Stamped envelopes, N. L. Dennis	16.44	
Stationery, postage, etc., N. L. Dennis	21.50	
Interest on loans	84.29	
		9,645.49
Balance in bank		$ 1,177.90

CHAS. F. COLE, Treasurer.

Recommendations:

1. That Presbytery approve the grouping of Forest Hill and Granite Churches.

2. That Rev. Abner Robertson, in the absence of a Session in the Granite Church, be given evangelistic powers in this field.

3. That the grouping of Drewry's Bluff, Centralia and Chester Churches be continued, with Rev. A. B. Montgomery as stated supply, for ensuing year.

4. That Third Church, Petersburg, and Colonial Heights, with Rev. M. B. Wyatt as stated supply, be grouped for another year.

5. That Mrs. Ellen Weaver be continued as Presbytery's Worker in the First Church, Hopewell, and West End, for another year.

6. That the Home Mission Committee be authorized and instructed to make a survey of every home mission field in the Presbytery, in cooperation with pastors and officers of such churches. That pastors and officers be urged to give their hearty cooperation in this very important work.

7. That pastors and officers of all home mission churches make special effort along evangelistic lines during this year of Jubilee.

8. That all churches receiving aid from Home Mission Committee be urged to make an Every-Member Canvass, in lieu of a better plan, such plan to be approved by Presbytery or Home Mission Committee.

9. That Bardwell Church be dissolved and that the membership be transferred to the Burkeville Church.

10. That Presbytery continue the present arrangement with Rev. N. L. Dennis as Executive Socrertary of Home Missions for the Church year April 1, 1936, to March 31, 1937.

11. That Presbytery ask the continued cooperation of the Blackstone Presbyterian Church in releasing Rev. N. L. Dennis for a part of his time in order that he may serve the Presbytery in this capacity.

12. That five per cent of the ten per cent cut in force during the year ending March 31 be paid out the balance reported by the Treasurer, and that he be authorized to send checks to the workers in the Home Mission field.

13. That the work of the 17th Street colored mission be continued on the present basis, namely, under the direction of a special advisory committee of which Mr. W. S. Rhoads is Chairman.

14. That the appropriations for the year 1936-1937 be as follows:

Burkeville, Rev. M. C. Bowling	$ 630.00
Namozine, Hawkins Memorial, Rev. Hugh Fitzpatrick	810.00
Hopewell First and West End, Mrs. Ellen P. Weaver	720.00

Chester, Centralia, Drewry's Bluff, Rev. A. B. Montgomery	720.00
Colonial Heights, Petersburg Third, Rev. M. B. Wyatt	660.00
Milford, Rev. J. C. Shive	270.00
Providence, Genito, Byrd, Hebron, Rev. W. T. McDonald	531.00
Milden, Campbell Memorial, Wesley, Rev. H. A. McBath	180.00
Brett-Reed, St. James, Rev. J. S. Duckwall	900.00
Laurel, Rev. C. A. McGirt	120.00
Fairmount, Rev. Geo. C. Swedburg	850.00
Forest Hill, Granite, Rev. Abner Robertson	500.00
Boy's Industrial School, Rev. R. V. Lancaster	54.00
Petersburg Third	25.00
Secretary of Home Missions, Rev. N. L. Dennis	1,080.00
Miscalleonus Expenses	400.00
Woodlawn, Rev. Donald Carson	400.00
Fairfield	60.00
Total	$8,910.00

Evangelistic Appointment:

We recommend that the Evangelistic appointments, as made by Presbytery, for the year 1936-1937:

1. Burkeville . . . . . Rev. Fred Poag
2. Fairview . . . . . Rev. Donald Carson
3. Brett-Reed . . . . . Rev. J. E. Hemphill, D. D.
4. St. James . . . . . Rev. John Cunningham
5. Byrd . . . . . Rev. J. H. Cudlipp
6. Hebron (Goochland Co.) . . . . . Rev. W. W. Bain, D. D.
7. Providence . . . . . Rev. W. W. White
8. Genito . . . . . Rev. J. S. Duckwall
9. Wesley Chapel . . . . . Rev. Mr. Morrison
10. Milden . . . . . Rev. Sam Inman
11. Campbell Memorial . . . . . Rev. Abner Robertson
12. Chester . . . . . Rev. D. T. Caldwell
13. Centralia . . . . . Rev. M. C. Bowling
14. Drewry's Bluff . . . . . Rev. W. L. Carson, D. D.
15. Colonial Heights . . . . . Rev. W. E. Hill, Jr.
16. King's Chapel . . . . . Rev. Thompson Southall
17. Fairfield . . . . . Rev. J. A. MacLean, Jr., D. D.
18. Forest Hill . . . . . Rev. J. Blanton Belk, D. D.
19. Hawkins Memorial . . . . . Rev. M. B. Heizer
20. Namozine . . . . . Rev. A. B. Montgomery
21. Hebron (Dinwiddie Co.) . . . . . Rev. H. A. McBath
22. Montrose . . . . . Rev. J. M. Murchison
23. Fairmount . . . . . Rev. Michaux Raine

24. Bon Air ..... Rev. J. C. Shive
25. Roseneath ..... Rev. M. B. Wyatt
26. Milford ..... Rev. Richard V. Lancaster
27. Jetersville ..... Rev. C. A. McGirt
28. Mattoax ..... Rev. J. S. Albertson
29. Pine Grove ..... Rev. G. L. Cooper
30. Rennie Memorial ..... Rev. N. L. Dennis

The pastors of church to which assignments have been made will be expected to get in touch with the person assigned to your church, at your convenience, and arrange for the meeting.

All the Church courts urge that special emphasis be given to Evangelism this year of Jubilee.

Presbytery took recess until 1:45 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 P. M.

Courtesy: The Committee on Courtesy presented its report, and it was adopted. It is as follows:

"East Hanover Presbytery desires to express its appreciation of and gratitude for the fine hospitality shown by Rev. J. Blanton Belk and Grace Covenant Church.

"We are specially grateful for the delightful noon-day meals and cordial hospitality extended the Presbytery in the homes of the congregation.

"Resolved, That Dr. Belk be requested to convey our thanks to his people."

Sessional Records: Presbytery went into a committee of the whole, and proceeded to examine the minutes of the Sessions. The committee rose and its chairman, Rev. George C. Swedburg, presented to Presbytery its report. Pending its adoption the report was placed on the docket.

Historical Committee: Rev. Edward Mack presented the report of the Historical Committee. It was adopted and is as follows:

Report of the Historical Committee to the Stated Meeting of East Hanover Presbytery, April 22, 1936.

1. We submit to Presbytery a history of the Sandston Church, prepared by Deacon J. B. Bourne. We recommend that this be

read to Presbytery, and printed in the appendix of Presbytery's Minutes. (See Appendix.)

2. Ruling Elder William R. Miller has prepared a remarkably valuable history of the Grace Covenant Church. We recommend that this sketch be read by Rev. J. Blanton Belk, and be printed in the appendix of Presbytery's Minutes.

3. We recommend that the following capitulation of Minutes in our records concerning the honored Senior Member of our Presbytery be made a part of the records of this meeting:

Rev. William S. Campbell, D. D.

In Union Church, **October 1, 1879,** introduced by his father, Rev. W. A. Campbell, to Presbytery, and taken under its care as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

May 7, 1886, licensed as a Probationer for the Gospel ministry in the Park Avenue Church, Norfolk, and assigned to labor in the Gloucester and Severn churches.

October 21-22, 1886, calls from the above churches having been accepted by Mr. Campbell, he was duly examined and ordained, being "set apart by the laying on of hands to the holy office of the Gospel ministry".

November 21, 1886, a committee of Presbytery, consisting of ministers W. A. Campbell, T. P. Epes and J. P. Smith, was appointed to install Mr. Campbell pastor of the aforesaid churches. At the installation Rev. W. A. Campbell was the only member of the commission present, and he installed Rev. Wm. S. Campbell in both churches.

May 2, 1888, Mr. Campbell presented his resignation as pastor of the Gloucester and Severn Churches. The request was concurred in by the churches, and the pastoral relation was dissolved.

A call from the Mizpah Church for the pastoral services of Mr. Campbell was presented. It was found in order, placed in his hands and accepted by him.

The following committee was appointed to install Mr. Campbell: Ministers R. A. Howison, R. P. Kerr and T. Drew.

April 18, 1911, Rev. W. S. Campbell was elected Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

The Presbytery gratefully records the unusual coincidence that Rev. W. A. Campbell and Rev. W. S. Campbell, father and son, have rendered to this Presbytery nearly a century of efficient service.

EDWARD MACK,
W. S. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Wm. R. Miller: Presbytery by a rising vote, expressed to Mr. Wm. R. Miller its gratitude for the preparation of the

interesting and inspiring history of the Grace Covenant Church, presented by the Historical Committee, which is so closely intertwined with the life story of East Hanover Presbytery.

"The Presbytery assures Mr. Miller of its earnest prayers for his restoration to health and strength."

Rev. I. S. McElroy, Jr., of King's Mountain Presbytery, was introduced to the Presbytery, and was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Spiritual Life: The Committee on Spiritual Life made a verbal report through its chairman, Rev. George L. Cooper. Pending its consideration addresses were made by Rev. W. L. Carson, Rev. O. E. Buchholz, and Rev. J. Blanton Belk. The report was approved.

Churches to Make Study.

The following motion offered by Rev. J. A. MacLean, was adopted:

Presbytery instructs the Sessions of all of its churches to study, analyze and endeavor to evaluate the present program of their churches, including morning and evening services of worship, midweek service, etc., and report to the Presbytery as to whether such program is adequate and satisfactory for the needs and opportunities of the present day.

Second, that the Spiritual Life Committee co-operate with the Jubilee Committee in studying and analyzing the reports of the churches, as above stated, and present to the Presbytery, at its next regular meeting, constructive recommendations in regard to such programs of the churches.

Stewardship: The report of the Stewardship Committee was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Stewardship reports an increase in Benevolences of one and six-tenths per cent for the year ending March 31, 1936. While this increase is small, it is very gratifying in that it shows a tendency upward in the giving of our people. The total gifts to Benevolences last year from our Presbytery were $49,-165.00. This represents, however, only 65 3/10 per cent of the amount asked for by Presbytery. Only twenty-one churches paid

one hundred per cent or more of the amount asked. Twenty churches paid between fifty and one hundred per cent, and twenty of our churches paid less than fifty per cent of what they were asked.

Your Committee notices with mixed feelings the steadily increasing amounts of designated gifts for certain causes. While this may indicate an increased interest in these Benevolent Causes, it throws our scale of percentages awry. For example: These designated gifts for Foreign Missions continue to increase, while designated gifts to Presbytery's Home Missions continue to decrease. As a matter of fact, last year, Foreign Missions received 61% of the amount asked, while Assembly's Home Missions received only 50%, and Presbytery's Home Missions, 44%; our Synodical Orphan's Home Received 95%.

Your Committee feels that more and more we should educate our people to give through the established channels and permit their funds to be divided on the basis of the percentages established by the courts of our Church.

Practically every church in our Presbytery conducted an Every-Member Canvass during the month of March. The reports are encouraging.

In December our Committee on Stewardship offered to visit our churches of the Presbytery, for the purpose of stimulating interest in Stewardship and helping local congregations organize for the Every-Member Canvass. On account of the severe weather, many of these engagements were cancelled. However, members of the Committee in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Committee presented programs on Stewardship in Blackstone, Petersburg, Hopewell, Richmond and Fredericksburg.

Thirty-four churches report a total of 661 tithers. Among the twenty-three churches not reporting are some of our largest churches, where figures were not available, but our Committee is of the opinion that due to the influence of the Belmont Covenant Plan, the educational work of the Stewardship Committee and constant challenge of many of our pastors, that the number of tithers is increasing.

Your Committee on Stewardship would recommend:

First: That the Christian ideal of stewardship, involving God's ownership of life and property, be stressed constantly throughout the year, in order that we may avoid the danger of merely concentrating on this important matter during the week or two preceding the annual Every-Member Canvass. One-sixth of the recorded utterances of Jesus deal with man's relationship to money or its equivalent. As ministers we should fearlessly challenge our people constantly to recognize God's sovereign claim upon all we

possess to the end that souls may be saved and His kingdom established.

Second: That Every-Member Canvass committees in local churches be appointed to serve for the entire year, and that a special session of the regular fall meetings of Presbytery be set apart for definite instruction in conducting an Every-Member Canvass, and that the Every-Member Canvass committees of all our churches be invited to participate in this conference. The Committee on Stewardship will be happy to arrange an instructive program.

Third: That as a part of this report to Presbytery we hear the Rev. George A. Butterick, D. D., pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening in the main auditorium of Grace Covenant Church.

J. BLANTON BELK, Chairman.
W. E. HILL,
W. L. CARSON,
D. T. CALDWELL,
D. P. ROGERS,
M. B. WYATT,
HERBERT JACKSON,
W. R. HILL,
W. W. WOOD.

Presbytery took recess until 8 P. M.

EVENING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Presbytery reconvened at 8 P. M.

At the invitation of the Presbytery, Rev. G. A. Butterick, D. D., pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York, addressed the Presbytery in connection with the consideration of the subject of Stewardship. Dr. Butterick spoke on "The Deeper Functions of the Church".

Presbytery voted its appreciation and thanks to Dr. Butterick for his address.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9:15 A. M.

THIRD DAY—APRIL 23RD—MORNING SESSION.

Presbytery met at 9:15 A. M. and was opened by devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Sherman.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Thompson Southall: The following telegram was received from Rev. C. Darby Fulton, D. D., Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions: "Thompson Southall desires ordination as evangelist. Committee expects to appoint him missionary to Korea on completion of his preparation next year, provided finances permit."

This communication was referred to the Committee on Christiain Education.

Auditing Committee: The report of the Auditing Committee was presented and approved, and is as follows:

Treasurer of Benevolence and Presbytery's Treasurer.

Your Auditing Committee examined the books of the Treasurer of Benevolences, and Presbytery's Treasurer, and found the receipts and disbursements as detailed in the reports of the Treasurer submitted to you, as of close of March 31, 1936, to be correct, as reported.

We commend the manner in which the Treasurer's books are kept.

Treasurer of Home Mission Committee.

Also your Committee examined the check book, canceled checks, and annual report of the Treasurer of Home Mission Committee, same being the only records submitted by its Treasurer, and found same to be correct as reported by the Treasurer, as of close of March 31, 1936.

M. F. H. ENOS, Chairman.
W. A. PLECKER,
ROBT. S. GRAY,
A. B. MONTGOMERY.

Thompson Southall: The consideration of the request of Mr. Thompson Southall was docketed for the adjourned meeting.

Samuel Davies Church: The commission on Samuel Davies Church reported progress. The commission was continued, and

Rev. C. A. McGirt was added to its membership in place of Rev. R. E. Watts, who has left the Presbytery.

Adjourned Meeting: Presbytery decided that, when it adjourns this session, it should be to meet June 15th at 10 A. M., in the Second Church, Richmond.

Seventeenth Street Mission: The special committee on the Seventeenth Street Mission made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee appointed at the last spring meeting of Presbytery "To examine into and report on the nature and extent of the Presbytery's relation to the Seventh Street Mission" would respectfully submit the following report:

1. The nature of Presbytery's relation to Seventeenth Street Mission.

This work is supported by the Presbyterian League and the Assembly's Committee of Home Missions, and is recognized by the Assembly's Committee as its work among the Negroes in East Hanover Presbytery, and is so reported by the Assembly's Committee. (Committees' Reports, page 18, H. M. R.)

The Presbytery, through the Home Mission Committee, is charged with the oversight of this work, as defined by our manual, page 31, as follows:

"The Committee (The Home Mission Committee) shall have oversight of all churches and missions in this Presbytery receiving aid from the Presbytery, the Synod, or General Assembly, and shall devise plans for the advance of mission work in the Presbytery, and shall have direction of the services of all employees of this Committee." (Manual, page 31.)

2. The extent of Presbytery's relation to Seventeenth Street Mission.

The Presbytery assumed responsibility for this work in 1912. In 1914 an Advisory Committee to the Home Missions Committee was appointed, with Mr. W. S. Rhoads as the capable chairman, and charged with the responsibility of directing the work at 17th Street Mission. This Advisory Committee has, for the most part, been self-perpetuating, and the support of the work has been almost wholly obtained by this Committee, through the Presbyterian League and individuals and the Assembly's Home Mission Committee. The Superintendent of the work at 17th Street has made monthly reports to the Home Mission Committee.

The aid given by the Assembly's Committee is obtained through the Home Mission Committee; this Committee being required to

make annual application for such aid, and until recent years, the amount thus appropriated was handled through the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee. For the past three or four years this money, at the request of the Home Mission Committee of East Hanover, has been sent direct to Mr. W. R. Miller, Treasurer of the Advisory Committee.

N. L. DENNIS,
For the Committee.

The question of the organization of a church at the Seventeenth Street Mission was referred to the Home Mission Commission for consideration and report.

Finance: The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Finance Committee has examined the reports of the Treasurer of Benevolences and of the Presbytery and found them in order.

A statement of Delinquent Presbyterial Taxes was also submitted.

We recommend:

1st. That Schedules A and B of the report of the Treasurer of Benevolences be printed as an Appendix of the Minutes of Presbytery.

2nd. That Schedules C and D be handed to the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee as information.

3rd. That adjustments and extensions of delinquent taxes be recorded as follows:

Extensions in time of payments to the Fall Meeting were granted to the following: Drewry's Bluff, Centralia, Byrd, Nottoway, Providence Forge, Bott Memorial, Read Memorial, Sandston, Fairmount, Samuel Davies, Union, Burkeville.

Extensions of 60 days were granted the following: Blackstone, Emporia, Forest Hill, Genito, Ginter Park, Hopewell First, Tabb Street, Westminster. Adjustments were made as follows: Hoge Memorial, charge off $38.08 tax on money paid indirect; Mizpah, charge off all but $50.00; Pryor Memorial, charge off all taxes due prior to 1934, if $21.00 tax is paid by the Fall Meeting. Petersburg Third, charge off balance of $10.00 due on 1934 taxes. Abedour, tax reduced to $5.00 due to an error in Sessional report and extended 60 days. Bardwell, all taxes charged off. Colonial Heights,

charge off all but 1936 taxes. Grove Avenue, charge off 1934 and 1935 taxes, and extend 1936 taxes for 90 days. Lakeside, tax reduced to $30.00 on account of error. Money paid indirect, and extended 60 days. West End, charge off $28.00 (1934 taxes), and 1935 and 1936 taxes extended to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

4th. The following budget for 1936 and 1937 to cover expenses of Presbytery:

Printing Minutes	$ 350.00
Salaries	575.00
Assembly's Tax	775.00
Synod's Tax	144.00
Staty. and Printing	50.00
Stated Clerk's Exps.	250.00
Treasurer's Bond	25.00
Incidentals	81.00
	$2,250.00

MARSHALL B. WYATT, Chm.
WM. R. HILL,
E. S. WOOD.

Trustees: The Board of Trustees made the following report, and it was adopted:

April 29, 1936.

To East Hanover Presbytery:
Gentlemen:

On July 24, 1935, in conformity with appropriate resolutions of your body, in conjunction with Messrs. D. T. Caldwell, C. F. Cole, Harry H. Woody, J. B. Gordon, and J. Scott Parrish, I secured through the Corporation Commission of Virginia a charter for the incorporation of the Trustees of East Hanover Presbytery, Incorported. Upon organiztaion of the corporation the following persons were elected Trustees and Officers:

Trustees—J. B. Gordon, J. Scott Parrish, D. T. Caldwell, C. F. Cole, Harrison H. Woody, George E. Haw.

President—George E. Haw.

Secretary and Treasurer—N. L. Dennis.

Up to this time no funds or donations of any kind have been received by or turned over to the corporation, and, therefore, there is nothing to report other than the fact that the corporation is in existence and is in a receptive mood.

Under the by-laws of the corporation there are six Trustees elected, two for three years, two for two years, and two for one year.

As the term of office of those appointed for one year is expiring, it will be necessary for the Presbytery to elect their successors at this meeting.

The two Trustees whose terms of office are now expiring are Rev. J. B. Gordon and Mr. J. Scott Parrish.

GEO. E. HAW,
President of Trustees of East Hanover
Presbytery, Inc.

Home Mission Church: The special committee, appointed to propose a definition for a home mission church, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee to Define Home Mission Churches, reports:

1. We find the status of Home Mission churches has been carefully and adequately defined in the Manual of Presbytery, see article on Home Missions, pages 31 and 32.

2. Your Committee found, however, that there are, or may be, particualr cases in which churches might be saved from pressing difficulties and problems by wise and immediate counsels. We recommend that this Presbytery, according to known Presbyterian order and disipline, make provision for such extarordinary situations by the following rules:

(1) When any pulpit shall become vacant, the Presbytery shall, in its first session thereafter, appoint one of its ministers as Moderator of the Session, such appointment to be made in consultation with the Session.

(2) At least once a year, in regular session, the Presbytery shall review and acquaint itself with the problems and spiritual conditions of each church on its roll.

(3) Churches, needing guidance in times of special diffificulties, even when not receiving aid from that Committee, may be referred to the Home Missions for its oversight by order of the Presbytery.

(4) When a church receiving aid from its Home Missions Committee loses its minister in the interim of Presbytery's meetings, such church shall remain under direction of the Home Missions Committee, until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

J. A. MacLEAN, Chairman.

Presbyterial Sermon: The committee, appointed to suggest the preacher and the subject for the Presbyterial Sermon for the fall meeting, recommended that the preacher be Rev. J. H. Cudlipp, with Rev. J. E. Hemphill as alternate; and that the

subject be, "The Place of the Cross in God's Plan of Salvation". The report was adopted.

Synod's Home Mission: The report of the Committee on Synod's Home Missions was adopted and is as follows:

The past year has been a memorable one in Synod's Home Missions. The balance of the $17,500 debt, which rested upon this cause five years ago was paid in full, and all regular appropriations of the Committee were met in full. All bills have been paid and there is a balance in the Treasury of $586, which will help to tide the work over during the lean months of the summer.

This Presbytery contributed the largest amount to this cause of any Presbytery in the Synod. Receipts from all sources to this cause, however, declined $326.92, as compared with the previous year, and were $747.96 less than the amount appropriated by the last Synod to the cause of Synod's Home Missions. It is evident that to meet the appropriations, that have been made it will be necessary for the churches to give more this year than they did last year for this cause.

J. EDWIN HEMPHILL, Chairman.

Assembly's Home Missions: The Committee on Assembly's Home Missions made the following report, and it was adopted:

In the year 1867, when reliable figures were first available, we had 1,309 churches and 80,532 members. In 1935 the General Assembly reported 3,541 churches, with a resident membership of 477,464. But in 1935 we had sixty fewer churches and 384 fewer Assembly Home Missionaries than we had ten years ago. This indicates the present trend and constitutes an urgent call for Home Mission advance if the Presbyterian Church is to save its own life, and do its rightful share in winning our country for Christ.

During the year just ended there were 501 missionaries on the rolls of the Assembly's Committee, serving 741 churches and missions. The evangelistic outreach of the Assembly's Home Mission enterprise is seen in the fact that these workers also served 495 outpost Sunday Schools and preaching points. Through the agency of Assembly's Home Missions some mission service is rendered in more than 1,100 communities.

The total home mission receipts were $300,018, a decrease of $30,582. The budget receipts were $288,391, a gain of $2,998. There is much encouragement in the fact that there was an increase in the receipts from churches, societies and individuals, the regular soures of income. In 1929 the total Home Mission income

was $588,088, in 1934 it was $289,512, or a loss of more than 50% in five years. With the gains in regular gifts the past two years, there is reason to believe that the end of the decline has been reached, that missionary salaries can soon be restored, and some of the tragic Home Mission losses of the depression period regained.

It is hoped that this Jubilee Year will definitely mark the end of the retreat, and the beginning of a great missionary advance. In this anniversary celebration there are two goals vitally connected with Home Missions. The first is the addition of 25,000 members upon profession, or an increase of about 50% over last year. The records show that year after year the Home Mission areas of the Church have the largest percentage of increase on profession. The second goal is a thank offering of $500,000 by an increase of 25% in benevolent contributions. The Home Mission churches will share in this advance, and each church and mission should do its part in securing this Jubilee Thank Offering.

The following recommendations are offered:

1. That our entire membership be called to a larger recognition of the primary place of Home Missions in the growth of the Church and the welfare of the nation.

2. That our entire membership be called to a recognition of the necessity of providing an adequate support for our Home Missionaries.

2. That the period, October 11 to November 15, be set apart for a united Home and Foreign Mission Study, and the week of November 8-15 be designated as the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, with a joint offering in all the churches for these two mission causes of the Assembly.

4. That each church secure a copy of the annual report of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to be used in connection with this joint mission study.

R. E. WATTS.

Minutes of Presbytery: The Committee on Minutes of the Presbytery made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Minutes of Presbytery report that we have examined the Minutes of the last meeting and find them carefully and neatly recorded; and commend our Stated Clerk for the way in which the work is done.

We present the following recommendations:

1. That we express to Doctor Campbell our love and deep appreciation of his long and faithful service as Stated Clerk of Presbytery; twenty-five years.

2. That we do now elect him Stated Clerk emeritus at his present salary.

3. That we make it a standing rule of Presbytery to elect both the Stated and Permanent Clerks for a period of three years.

4. That we fix the salary of the Stated Clerk at one hundred dollars a year.

5. That we proceed at once to the election of a Stated Clerk that he may take charge of the office.

D. P. ROGERS, Chairman.

Stated Clerk: Rev. W. W. Bain and Rev. W. W. White were added to the Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery, and this committee was instructed to make a nomination for the filling of the office of Stated Clerk.

Rev. Wm. S. Campbell asked to be relieved of the evangelistic authority conferred upon him by Presbyetry, in connection with his work in the Granite Church, as he had severed his connection with that church, which he had supplied for 24 years. The request was granted.

Next Meeting: The Committee on Time and Place of the Next Meeting recommended that the invitation of the Fredericksburg Church to meet with it be accepted; and that the selection of the time be left to the Stated Clerk and the pastor of the church. The report was adopted.

Statistical Report: The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report. It was adopted and ordered sent to the General Assembly.

(See Appendix.)

Rev. G. C. Swedburg: The resignation of Rev. G. C. Swedburg was taken from the docket. Fairmount Church was heard through its elder, R. L. Edwards, who reported that the church assembled in a properly called congregational meeting, had been unwilling to unite with Mr. Swedburg in his request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, as it did not wish him to leave. However, Presbytery granted the request and dissolved the pastoral relation between Mr. Swedburg and the church, to take effect May 31st. Mr. Swedburg was given permission to labor outside of the bounds of this Presbytery, until the fall meeting.

Rev. N. L. Dennis, Rev. Edward Mack and Rev. W. E. Hill

were appointed a committee to consult with and advise the church in securing another pastor.

Diamond Jubilee: A communication was received from the General Assembly's Diamond Jubilee Committee in regard to the Presbytery's making a spiritual self examination. The Presbytery declined to comply with the request.

State Institutions: Rev. G. C. Swedburg offered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Religious Work in State Institutions, and Rev. W. L. Carson was put in his place.

Sessional Records: The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was taken from the docket and adopted.

Moral and Social Welfare: The report of the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare was adopted, and is as follows:

We call Presbytery's attention first of all to

I. The Threat of War.

The last year has witnessed the breakdown of all attempts to secure armament limitation, and a return to unrestrained competition. The nations of the world are rearming feverishly, each provoking the other to renewed exertion, and arousing fear and suspicion that makes war increasingly probable.

In Asia there is continued tension between Japan and China on the one hand, and Japan and Russia on the other. In Europe Italy has wantonly invaded Ethiopia; Germany has disregarded solemn treaty obligations, to militarize the Rhine. A world conflagration, within our present generation, is regarded as inevitable by most international authorities.

Faced by such imminent catastrophe the United States has voted the largest sum for military defense, and offense, in its history, and has enacted a temporary bill, designed to insure our neutrality in any future struggle.

A world, full of sovereign states, each of which is a law unto itself, in which close international relations means clashes of interest, in which there is no method which nations fully trust of securing justice or settling disputes between nations by peaceful means, in which there is no dependable collective provision for the security of nations against invasion, in which each nation is armed to the teeth, and in which war is taken for granted as belonging

to the natural order of things, such a world is surely headed for war.

In the light of these facts we recommend:

1. That the Presbytery declare unequivocally that war as a method of settling international disputes is utterly opposed to the Spirit of Christ.

2. That we urge members of our churches to seek to understand, and to fight unceasingly the forces which make war inevitable and to lend their weight to all movements which promise to replace the war system with an effective machinery for peace.

3. That we urge our political leaders to work unremittingly for the limitation of armaments by international agreement, and for permanent legislation designed to insure American neutrality in the case of any European conflict.

4. That we urge our teachers to put renewed emphasis on, and give increased attention to education for peace.

5. That we urge our ministers to labor unweariedly in the pulpit and out of the pulpit to strengthen the nation's will to peace, and to inspire members of the Church to follow Jesus as the Prince of Peace.

II. The Prevalence of Crime.

Statistics assembled by the United States Department of Justice for 1935 indicate that while the largest city in East Hanover Presbytery was compartaively free of organized crime and racketeering, it led 14 Southern cities with populations of 100,000 and more in rape and aggravated assault, was second in petty larceny, fourth in burglary, sixth in automobile thefts, seventh in robbery, and eleventh in murder.

Other statistics show that in 1931 the combined population of the State penitentiary, the State farm and the convict road camps was 6,827; in 1935 it had increased to 8,989, a gain of approximately 30%. Petty crime during the four years had become even more widespread. In 1931 the combined population of the city and county jails was 53,758; by 1935 it had grown to 74,599, a gain of about 38%.

A case worker of the Crime Prevention Committee recently has completed a study of 100 young people in the Richmond city jail. The purpose of the study was to throw light upon the causes of crime among the young adults of the city. The 100 persons selected, all between the ages of 18 and 25, represented a sampling at random of approximately one-sixth of the total of about 600 people confined in the fail between October, 1935, and January, 1936.

Of the various reasons given by the prisoners for last or previous offenses unemployment ranked highest with 26. Intoxicants as a cause ranked second; the desire or need for goods ranked next.

Explanations given by immediate relatives of the prisoners varied in several major respects from those set forth by the delinquent themselves. Bad companions was the reason most often given, with mental inadequacy added to the list of causes.

Additional investigation by the case worker indicated that at least 60 per cent of those investigated did possess a subnormal mentality. The home which is the first and more permanent environmental factor was found to have been affected by death, desertion, separation or divorce in the case of 58 of the young people studied. In at least 46 of the 58 instances the worker found evidence to support this as a reasonable factor in anti-social behavior. The worker felt reasonably sure that the home discipline had been improper or inadequate in the case of 45 prisoners. She was in doubt as to its effectiveness in that of 16 others. A third of the homes of the persons studied was characterized by poverty, and an additional 21 per cent by marginal conditions.

Before the Virginia Conference of Social Work at Roanoke, Sanford Bates, director of Federal prisons, made a terrific indictment of the County Jail system of Virginia. He denounced these detention places as breeders of crime, though they are designed for exactly the opposite purpose. He declared that he could see no hope for improvement as long as Virginia retained its fee system, which means that the less money sheriffs and sergeants spend on the jails, the more goes into their pockets.

An editorial in the Richmond Times Dispatch declares: "If we are to have modern prison administration in Virginia; if we are to have jails which will be true reformatories, and not places where inmates become more and more embittered against society, the fee system must be abolished, and men appointed as city sergeants and sheriffs who are qualified by special training for the duties they are to perform. Under the present system our jails are a disgrace."

We recommend:

1. That members of our churches, and particularly our ministers, study the cause of crime and other anti-social behavior, especially in their own communities, and that they atttempt in all proper ways to remedy the conditions which stimulate or incite such behavior.

2. That we all endeavor with new zeal to present to all men the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alone able to save men

from both the guilt and the power of sin, and to present them faultless before the throne of our Father who is in heaven.

E. T. THOMPSON, Chairman.
J. A. MacLEAN,
R. V. LANCASTER.

Calls and Supplies: The report of the Committee on Calls and Supplies was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Calls and Supplies has had four papers placed in its hands, and recommends action as follows:

1. That the requests of the Fairfield and Montrose Churches for the services of Mr. C. C. Crawford as supply until the fall meeting of Presbytery be granted.

2. That a call from the Mizpah Church, Richmond, Va., for the pastoral services of Mr. Samuel M. Inman, promising a salary of $1,800 per year minimum, be found in order and placed in his hands.

3. That a call from the Woodlawn Church, Hopewell, Va., for the pastoral services of Mr. Robert Donald Carson, promising a salary of $1,100 per year, be found in order and placed in his hands.

4. That the call of the Ashland Church be found not in order.

That Mr. Thompson Southall be informed that he can apply to Presbytery for ordination on the basis of his call to evangelistic work.

That the Ashland Church be informed that at their request Presbytery can establish the relationship of stated supply between the Ashland Church and a licensed or ordained minister.

J. S. ALBERTSON, Chairman.

Read Memorial Church: The Home Mission Committee, reporting on a petition asking Presbytery to assist it in securing a pastor, recommended that the Presbytery direct Rev. N. L. Dennis to confer with and advise the church in the matter.

Presbytery adjourned with the singing of a hymn, prayer and the benediction to meet in adjourned session June 15th at 10 A. M. in the Second Church, Richmond.

ABNER ROBERTSON, Moderator.
WILLIAM S. CAMPBELL, Stated Clerk.
HUGH FITZPATRICK, Permanent Clerk.

APPENDIX I.

GRACE COVENANT CHURCH.

Origins and Significant Historical Aspects Prepared in Anticipation of the Meeting of East Hanover Presbytery.

By Wm. R. Miller, Ruling Elder.

In this article it is proposed not to write again the annals of this church which have been written many times before, nor anything about the organizations and activities of the congregation under the present pastor, Reverend J. Blanton Belk, which are patent to all beholders; rather it is the purpose to write "a piece", as the newspaper men would say, about origins and influences which have contributed to make this church, and about a few matters of historical significance.

The date when the Presbyterian Church on Shockoe Hill, Richmond, was received under the care of Hanover Presbytery appears in the minutes of that body as May 2, 1822. The Presbytery had met on October 11, 1821, in the church on Shockoe Hill, Richmond. It is an interesting fact that the church was functioning and had erected for itself a worthy house of worship before it was received as a member of the Presbytery.

The first pastor was the Reverend John D. Blair, who had been a member of the Presbytery at least since September 15, 1786.

The beginnings cannot be assigned to definite days, or even years.

When the traveler drives from Richmond toward Fredericksburg he crosses three negligible streams which perhaps he would not notice except for the fact that they are labeled rivers—the Matta river, the Po river and the Ni river; whereas there are larger streams called creeks or runs. If he should follow these little streams a short distance toward the east he would find that the Po river and the Ni river run together, and a little distance further on are joined by the Matta river, forming the Mattaponi river into which other small streams flow. As it proceeds east it becomes a stream of fair proportions and of some importance until at its junction with the Pamunkey river the York river is formed. This is one of the noblest of the tidal streams on the Atlantic seaboard. On its waters was settled the issue of American independence. The sources of the three little rivers are doubtless known to many, but not to this writer. Such streamlets find their origin, some from a single bold spring, others from several neighboring springs and

still others from a marshy tract in which there is an abundance of water but no perceptible current.

In tracing back the beginnings of Grace Covenant Church we will probably find the large spring, the many little springs and the marshy tract.

The Presbyterian Church in America began in 1683, when the Reverend Francis Makemie (pronounced with accent on middle syllable, thus, Ma-kem'-ie) arrived from Ireland in 1683 as a missionary, and settled in Accomac County, Virginia. He preached up and down the Atlantic coast from the Carolinas to New York. He suffered persecution at the hands of Governor Cornbury of New York. He organized the Presbytery of Philadelphia in 1705 and was its first Moderator. This Presbytery then included Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. From it East Hanover and all the Presbyteries of our Church in America are descended.

The Reverend John D. Blair, whose fame has come down through more than a century under his popular name of Parson Blair, was an interesting figure. He was a son of Reverend John Blair, a professor of theology in the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University). He, himself, was a tutor in the college. He was a pupil of President John Witherspoon of that college, and had been sent by Dr. Witherspoon to Virginia to take charge of Washington-Henry Academy in Hanover County. This was in 1780. He had studied divinity some before leaving New Jersey College, and the spiritual need of the people around him after he reached Virginia led him to go on with his theologcal studies. When these were completed he was received as a licentiate, May 19, 1784. The date of his ordination is not known. He appears to have been assigned to the care of the churches in Hanover and Henrico, with headquarters at the Pole Green Church.* His gifts were along educational more than evangelistic lines, and we find him in 1790 conducting a private school in the little city of Richmond. As early as 1800 he was chaplain of the House of Delegates. It is not known just how and when the custom began of preaching on Sundays in the hall of the House of Delegates. When history first takes account of this it was an established custom. The same congregation met each Sunday, Parson Blair conducting the services on one Sunday, and Parson Buchanan, an Episcopal minister apparently without a definite charge, on the alternate Sunday. This arrangement continued for many years, and the one congregation, made up of adherents of the two denominations and the two ministers, worshipped fraternally and in the greatest harmony without ever a rift. When the Ford Theater was burned December 26, 1811, the people of

*Later these were called the Samuel Davies group of churches.

Richmond, without regard to denomination, raised a fund to build a church on the site. This church is still standing on Broad Street and is known as the Monumental Church. Mr. Hugh Blair, a grandson of Parson Blair, has written that it was not decided, until the church was ready to be occupied, which denomination would occupy it, and then the decision was made in favor of the Episcopal Church by one vote. Presumably Parson Blair, without rancor, continued to conduct services in the hall of the House of Delegates. His congregation meantime determined to build itself a house of worship, but financial disaster following the War of 1812 interfered, so that the house was not completed until 1821.* Parson Blair lived only a little more than a year after the church was completed.

The father of Parson Blair was the Reverend John Blair, who had been a pastor at Fagg's Manor in Pennsylvania (1757-1766) until he accepted the chair at New Jersey College. He had been preceded in that pastorate by his brother, Reverend Samuel Blair. Fagg's Manor, or New Londonderry, was one of the early centers of the Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. Both Samuel Blair, and his brother, John Blair, had been pupils of the Reverend William Tennent. Mr. Tennent had settled first in New York and then in Pennsylvania, coming over from Ireland in 1716. He is famous as the founder of the Log College, the forerunner of New Jersey College, which became Princeton College, and later Princeton University. Princeton Theological Seminary was established by Dr. Archibald Alexander alongside the College in 1812. Mr. Tennent's Log College exerted a powerful influence on the early Presbyterian Church, he having taught his three gifted sons, the two Blairs, and many others who became eminent in the work. He and a number of his pupils, particularly his three sons, were imbued with a fiery evangelistic zeal and had a large part in "The Great Revival" in which George Whitefield was such a prominent figure. There was a great difference of opinion in the Church, attended by some controversy, over the course and revival methods of these Tennent brothers and their confreres, which resulted in the setting up of a separate Presbytery (New Brunswick) in which they had the predominating influence. This Presbytery was later exscinded by the Synod of Philadelphia. The Tennents and their supporters were called the "New Side", and their opposers the "Old Side".

Another pupil of William Tennent at the Log College was William Robinson. It was he, who having been sent on an evangelistic tour into Virginia and North Carolina, on his return journey was inter-

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*It was at the corner of Eighth and F Streets that the building stood, and this was the official beginning of what is now Grace Covenant Church.

cepted by some citizens of Hanover County and induced to spend a short season with them. He found there a respectable body of believers, who, dissatisfied with the ministrations of the established church, had been meeting for study of the Bible, and of religious books from such authors as George Whitefield, Martin Luther and John Bunyan, at a place which was called "Samuel Morris' Reading House." Upon his return home he sent back to them in due course another spiritual descendant of William Tennent who was destined to exert a profound influence upon Virginia and to build up a lasting reputation for himself—the Reverend Samuel Davies. In 1747 Davies came to the Reading House and established a Presbyterian Church. Although frail of health, his energy and enterprise knew no bounds, and before he was called away to the service of his alma mater (New Jersey College) of which he afterwards became the distinguished president, he had established at least three Presbyterian churches in and near Hanover County with a large number of preaching points, as many as he could persuade the Bishop of London to allow him to have.

It should be remembered that Richmond was a city only in name and that the center of Samuel Davies' work was relatively almost as important in the life of the Commonwealth as the little city. There was rivalry, later, to determine whether the capital of the Commonwealth should be located at Hanover Town on the Pamunkey river, or at Richmond on the James river. This will probably explain some questions we might raise as to why a Christian statesman like Samuel Davies should have chosen to do his work in what now appears to be an out of the way place.

To go back to Parson Blair, he was, as has been said, a pupil and friend of President John Witherspoon. John Witherspoon, President of New Jersey College, and the only minister who signed the American Declaration of Independence, was a lineal descendant of John Knox. John Knox in turn was an intimate friend and pupil of the great John Calvin.

Parson Blair appears to have gradually relinquished his hold on the work in the Samuel Davies group of churches, as we now call it, and strengthened his hold on the work in Richmond. He appears not to have had the gift of organization. His work and his influence were along other lines.

In the meantime, another group of Presbyterians living on Church Hill were organized into a church in the year 1812. This was from the beginning called the First Presbyterian Church, presumably in view of the fact that there was another Presbyterian congregation worshipping in the city, but as yet unorganized. The first pastor of the First Church was the Reverend John Holt Rice. We will not attempt to go into the history and antecedents of Dr.

Rice. His fame rests chiefly on his own achievements. He founded the First Church, Richmond; he founded Union Theological Seminary at Hampden-Sydney; he was a pioneer in the field of religious journalism; he laid the foundations of the organized work for foreign missions in the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The two churches in Richmond lived their separate lives, the First Church located on Main Street near Twenty-eighth Street, and the Shockoe Hill Church located at Eighth and F (now Franklin) Streets. In the meantime the Third Presbyterian Church had been founded in 1835.

The controversy in the eighteenth century had arisen as we have seen between the New Side and the Old Side. Another controversy arose in the nineteenth century, of a longer duration and from another cause. The Presbyterian Church had swallowed up a section (four Synods) of the Congregational Church, and after some years had a serious case of ecclesiastical indigestion. The controversy grew out of this and reached such proportions that in 1838 there was a schism and what is known as the "New School Church" seceded from the "Old School." The Shockoe Hill Church went with the New School body. The First Church was badly torn and about ninety members and all the Elders withdrew and established what was then known as the Fourth Church, having New School affiliations. After a few months the Fourth Church and the Shockoe Hill Church were merged under the name of the United Presbyterian Church.

The membership of the New School Assembly seems at first to have been composed of two elements, those who brought in their traditions from the Congregational Church, and others who sympathized with them, probably not so much in their beliefs as on account of the circumstances under which the split occurred. The New School went on its way until 1857, when another point of disagreement appeared. This was on the subject of slavery. The New School Assembly in that year adopted deliverances which were obnoxious to the members of the Church living in the Southern States. These seceded and established what was called the United Synod.

The Old School Church was not divided until 1861. It is unnecessary to go into the history of this which is well known, except to say that the point of difference was not on the subject of slavery, but on the subject of political deliverances.

The Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America, formed in 1861, and the United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, established in 1857, occupying the same territory, drew nearer and nearer to each other through the dark days of the War between the States until they merged in 1864. The pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, the Reverend Charles

H. Read, D. D., was the leader on the New School side in effecting this merger. On the Old School side the leader in favor of the merger was Dr. R. L. Dabney. He was opposed by Drs. Adger and Palmer. The final vote was overwhelmingly in favor of union. In recognition of Dr. Read's part in this merger he was in the same year elected Moderator of the reunited Synod of Virginia.

If we follow up this account it will be seen that the Grace Covenant Church and its forebears have been under the jurisdiction of five different supreme judicatories—

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America 1821 to 1838
The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America New School 1838 to 1857
United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America 1857 to 1864
Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America 1864 to 1865
Presbyterian Church in the United States 1865 to 1936.

This is probably the second most significant fact historically in connection with this congregation, the first being that it descended from the leading church in the New School Synod.

Another significant thing in its history is that it is a child of mergers. Before it became an organized body it worshipped in close affiliation with the brethren in the Episcopal Church. In 1838 there was formed the merger between the Shockoe Hill Church and the original Fourth Church. The Reverend Moses D. Hoge, D. D., who founded and was for more than fifty years pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, was a preeminent preacher and a great Christian statesman. Under his leadership a Sunday School was started in 1871 in the then West End. This grew into a separate church and was organized as the Fourth Presbyterian Church in 1882, and later was named the Church of the Covenant.

In 1914-15 there was a merger between the Grace Street Church (formerly the United Presbyterian Church) and the Church of the Covenant (formerly the Fourth Presbyterian Church). The present name, Grace Covenant Church was adopted. The congregation worshipped temporarily in the home of the Church of the Covenant, and the pastor of the united church was the former pastor of the Church of the Covenant, the Reverend J. Calvin Stewart, D. D.

The merger in 1838 appears to have been a successful one. The merging process apparently was made more effective by the difficulties and controversial storms of the period. The merger of 1915 was a complete success. It might easily have been a combi-

nation or only a juxtaposition of the two bodies, as so many proposed mergers turn out, but there was a predominating influence toward a merger of hearts as well as of interests in the person of the pastor, Dr. Stewart, whose love for the people was not collective, but individual; was not official, but personal. He loved the two congregations together in their common love for him.

As in the case of Dr. Stewart, the finger of God seems to have been plain in the earlier history of this congregation. Parson Blair had the joy of seeing his congregation organized and the church building erected and occupied. His successor, young John Blair Hoge, was a preacher of uncommon acceptability and an organizer of great force as appears from the enterprises he set afoot during his brief tenure. He died at an early age. Dr. A. D. Pollock was the pastor whom the nineteenth century merger was consummated. Dr. Charles H. Read was a prodigious worker, under whose pastorate the church expanded both before and after the great catastrophe in the burning of its building on Evacuation Day, April 3, 1865. God had evidently raised him up for the comfort and edification of the congregation under the heavy trials incident to the War. Largely through his personal efforts the beautiful church on the corner of Fourth and Grace Streets was erected. It was then the name was changed to Grace Street Church. Shortly after the noble band of only 364 members, out of the deep poverty and tribulations of the period had gotten the building paid for, Dr. Read was disabled. There followed a period of misunderstanding during the brief pastorate of the associate pastor. To heal the breach, a loving and all-wise Providence sent Dr. James Y. Fair, under whose gentle ministrations and genial influence the breach was speedily healed.

The time for expansion had again come, and the Lord called Reverend Jere Witherspoon, D. D., for a vigorous and active pastorate of about twelve years. In the meantime, the growth of the city had almost surrounded the church with business and removed from easy reach a large proportion of its members.

The finger of God again appears plainly in sending to the church the Reverend D. Clay Lilly, D. D., who clearly saw the necessity for a removal and a merger with one of the other Richmond churches, and who unselfishly effaced himself so that the merger might be effected with only one pastor to be considered. Of the influence of the saintly Dr. Stewart we have already spoken.

The new merged church had to grow and expand with the rapid growth of the city, and to build adequately for its own housing. The membership grew in numbers from 1736 to 1,360; the two old church buildings were sold and the present commodious church and Sunday-school buildings were erected under the leadership of the Reverend Charles L. King, D. D., the young minister whom God sent for this work.

As stated in the beginning, it is not the spurpose to treat of conditions as of today. This is history in the making to be recorded by some future historian.

The congregation of today may be likened to a mighty stream with unlimited possibilities of usefulness. From the foregoing it is plain to see that this stream has gathered from many sources.

What a heritage! The sound thinking and clearly stated doctrines of John Calvin himself; the consecrated statesmanship of John Knox; the love of liberty and order of his distinguished descendant, John Witherspoon; the pioneering labors of Francis Makemie; the flaming evangelistic zeal of William Tennent and his sons and pupils; the well-placed labors and zeal for the Kingdom of Samuel Davies; the gentle friendliness and toleration of Parson Blair; the four-square constructive abilities of John Holt Rice; the great preaching ability of the Hoges; the incessant labors of Dr. Read and Dr. Witherspoon; the loving, gentle Christian fellowship of Dr. Stewart, to say nothing of what has been received from those still living.

While Grace Covenant Church can probably trace a more direct connection than any of our larger churches with the work of Samuel Davies, this heritage is not exclusively hers. A similar recounting of sources and origins could be made out for practically any and every church in East Hanover Presbytery.

A wide territory is refreshed, enriched and beautified by the Matta, the Po, the Ni, the South and other rivers and small streams forming the Mattaponi, and by the North Anna, the Little, the New Found, the South Anna, and those rivers and creeks which with them form the Pamunkey.

So, a much wider territory is covered by the sixty-five churches which form this Presbytery. May we spiritually refresh, enrich and beautify the region in which God has placed us.

No man can estimate the blessings which those streams confer upon the land they traverse. So, may every point touched by any church within this Presbytery be filled with the richer blessings of His grace.

On the broad waters of the York River was fulfilled the prophecy rung out by the Liberty Bell—"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof."

So may this ancient stream, East Hanover Presbytery, obey and fulfill the instructions of our Lord:—"To preach the gospel to the poor—to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

The waters of the York flow out to the sea, how far and wide no one knows; and the influence of Yorktown blesses the wide world.

So, in this Diamond Jubilee Year, may the attention of East Hanover Presbytery and its confluent congregations not be confined within our own territory, but may we be true to the great commisssion, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Rivers are meant to flow, and the Church was made to "go." Pent up rivers work havoc instead of blessing. Churches which do not go into all the world, self-centered churches, like ice-bound rivers, become instruments of destruction instead of blessing.

From any such temptation may God deliver East Hanover Presbytery and her churches, and make them channels to bring to His people—to all His people everywhere—the "water that springeth up into everlasting life."

APPENDIX II.

HISTORY OF THE SANDSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sandston, Virginia.

It is not unusual for the church to be the outgrowth of the Sunday School. It is unusual, however, for three churches to be the outgrowth of one Sunday School. Ours was a Community Sunday School, made up of many denominations, organized in 1922 under the supervision of Mr. R. C. Hawkins, Jr.

In December 1923 the Community Presbyterian Church was organized. Later, the Episcopalians and Baptists withdrew and organized their churches. Then our church changed its name from "Community Presbyterian Church" to "Sandston Presbyterian Church."

Shortly before the organization of our church, Mr. W. E. Crane, at that time attending the Union Theological Seminary, held our first communicants' class. He came to us willingly, though sacrificially, gave unstintingly of his time and worked with us at a time when we needed it most. He will always hold a deep, lasting affection in the hearts of our people.

Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., Dean of Graduate Work, Union Theological Seminary, came to us often, advised us wisely and carried us safely over many rough places. To him we owe a debt of gratitude that can only be paid by our faithfulness and loyalty in our own field of service.

In January of 1924, our church called Rev. Charles A. McGirt as its pastor and since that time he has served faithfully, loyally and

efficiently. In addition to his pastoral duties, Rev. McGirt is actively engaged in Social Welfare and Red Cross Work in the community; on the Executive Board of both organizations, serving as Vice-Chairman of the Red Cross and Chairman of its Finance Committee. In 1934 he accepted a call from the Laurel Church for part-time service and at this time is serving both churches, conducting morning service in the Sandston Church and evening service in the Laurel Church. Each year, Communicants' Classes are held by him, also, from time to time, classes in Personal Evangelism, Parliamentary Law, Bible Study and Stewardship. He conducts a Junior Service each Sunday morning before the regular service. This service is well attended by the children, parents and teachers and has been the means of bringing many children into the church. The children are made to feel they belong. Each month two boys are elected deacons (by vote of the Junior Congregation). These Junior Deacons serve with the Deacons of the Church.

In addition to all these regular duties of our pastor the demands made upon him are limitless. There are times when he has not only to drive many miles to conduct a funeral service, but act as undertaker and funeral director. May God help us to appreciate what such self-sacrifice means. No less faithful and consecrated in the work of our church and community is his wife, the former Sara Crawford of Doerun, Georgia, whom he married in May, 1924.

Up to this time the total number received into the Church is 241. The population of this community is what we might call fluctuating. Here-today-gone-tomorrow kind of a population. Nevertheless, there is a membership today of 153, from a charter membership of 35 in December, 1923.

The Woman's Auxiliary of our church was organized in February, 1924, under the direction of Mrs. L. W. Curtis, then Presbyterial President. Charter membership 34. Total membership today 63. This Department has aided the church both spiritually and materially.

In December, 1924, the Sunday School was taken over by the church.

Our church building was completed and dedicated in July, 1926.

In June, 1934, our church assumed responsibility of holding services for the White Oak Mission School and Mr. E. S. Wood was elected Superintendent of the School.

Effective as of July 15, 1934, we became a self-supporting church.

Looking backward for awhile through a record of the past twelve years, we are mindful of God's many blessings to us and

truly thankful, but it does not blind us to a vision of the real work yet ahead. "Reaching forth unto those things which are before—we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Approved by the Session. J. B. BOURNE,
A Deacon.

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

This forty-ninth annual report of East Hanover Presbyterial is submitted to the Presbytery, with grateful hearts, that during the year, the members of the Auxiliary have had a mind to work, and the Lord has blessed their efforts.

Thirty-three Auxiliaries increased their gifts. These are, almost without exception, the auxiliaries of the smaller churches. The declines in gifts of the large and influential auxiliaries is a matter of deep concern. The auxiliaries are urged to undertake a part of the church's budget, rendering to the church such assistance as may be needed. For the benevolent budget the percentages adopted by Presbytery are recommended. We regret to report a small decrease in gifts, due to some of the auxiliaries failing to report their gifts in full, or failing to send gifts through the auxiliary treasurer, in some instances both the church and auxiliary failing to get credit for gifts.

Every auxiliary has paid its apportionment, and contributed to the Birthday Gift, which amounted to $1,208.00. Fifty-five contributed to White Cross, and a good number to the Christian Conference for Negro Women.

The Presbyterial now has 63 auxiliaries, King's Chapel having disbanded during the year.

Special emphasis has been placed on Bible study and prayer, with the most encouraging results. We may feel it impossible to commit to statistics the spiritual life of our members, still our hearts thrill with happiness, when we think of over 2,000 women praying daily for the work of the Church, and of over 2,000 women studying the Bible. In quite a number of the auxiliaries the pastors have taught the Bible lessons, and in others they have been taught by members of the auxiliary. Emphasis has also been placed on family altars, and tithing, and much valuable literature has been

distributed, but we can report only a small increase in these fields.

Every effort has been made to inform the members of the work of the auxiliary; by visits to the local auxiliaries; through Group Conferences, featuring outstanding speakers both on the Home and Foreign Mission fields; round tables for the secretaries of causes, ably conducted by the Presbyterial Secretaries, and conference periods. In addition, there have been group meetings held by the Presbyterial officers from time to time; a coaching class for the Foreign Mission study; and a number of Auxiliary Officers' Training Classes taught, as a result those auxiliaries taking advantage of these opportunities express interest and enthusiasm for the work, while those not participating in these activities are lacking both in interest and enthusiasm.

The Jubilee Goals were presented at the Group Conference, and the Mid-winter meeting. They were received with interest, and the reports received have indicated a revival of interest in Bible reading.

A new feature of the auxiliary program is the Group Conference for Business Women. About 200 attended the conference held in the First Church, Richmond, in October.

Looking towards the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, the historical work of the Presbyterial has taken on renewed interest; the chart has been revised and brought up to date; a complete file of minutes placed in Spence Library, Union Theological Seminary, and copies made for the Historical Foundation at Montreat.

The following essentials of the Auxiliary Circle Plan have been faithfully presented to the auxiliaries of the Presbyterial:

1. Including every resident woman in the church in its membership.
2. Dividing into circles and shifting.
3. Studying and contributing to all the Causes of the Church.

The forty-ninth annual meeting of the Presbyterial will be held in the Grace Covenant Church on the 5-6 of May.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY COLE
(Mrs. Charles F. Cole),
President.

Adjourned Meeting

June 15, 1936.

Presbytery met at 10 A. M. in the Second Church Richmond with Rev. J. S. Albertson in the chair, and was opened with prayer.

Roll: The following were present:

Ministers—J. S. Albertson, M. C. Bowling, D. T. Caldwell, Wm. S. Campbell, N. L. Dennis, Hugh Fitzpatrick, Wm. E. Hill, R. V. Lancaster, Chas. A. McGirt, A. B. Montgomery, Fred V. Poag, Michaux Raine, D. P. Rogers, John W. Sherman, Warren H. Stuart, Ernest Trice Thompson, W. W. White, Herman J. Womeldorf.

Elders—Ashland Church, Nat Lancaster; Chester, Hugh H. Baird; Emporia, C. W. Beman; Forest Hill, W. B. Jenkins; Ginter Park, R. W. Roberts; Laurel, W. F. Stevenson; Petersburg Second, Sterling I. Bragg; Richmond Second, S. B. Love; Roseneath, Dr. W. A. Plecker; Westminster, R. E. Monsell; Woodlawn, S. L. Drake.

Stated Clerk: The Committee appointed to nominate a Stated Clerk presented its report by Rev. D. P. Rogers, making two nominations. Rev. C. A. McGirt was elected, and the vote was made unanimous.

The same committee was instructed to nominate a Permanent Clerk, the report to be made at this meeting.

Rev. John B. Gordon asked to be dismissed to Pee Dee Presbytery, in order that he may accept a call to a church in that Presbytery. The request was granted.

Permanent Clerk: The Committee on Nominating a Permanent Clerk, through its chairman, Rev. D. P. Rogers, presented its report, nominating Rev. W. W. White for this office. The report was adopted, and Mr. White was unanimously elected.

Examinations for Ordination: The Committee on Christian Education, according to the instructions of Presbytery, presented the following statement in regard to the examinations of candidates for licensure and ordination, which was adopted by the Presbytery:

The Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief presents to the Presbytery as candidates for licensure and ordination:

Mr. J. A. Millard, Jr., candidate of East Hanover Presbytery, B. A. of Hampden-Sydney College, B. D. and Th. M. of Union Theo-

logical Seminary. Served one summer in Home Mission work at North Fork, West Virginia, and one summer as Assistant at First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Virginia.

Mr. Samuel M. Inman, candidate of East Hanover Presbytery; two years of B. S. course at Emory University, three years of English course at Union Theological Seminary. He served as student pastor at Mizpah Presbyterian Church, East Hanover Presbytery, for one year.

Mr. Robert D. Carson, candidate of East Hanover Presbytery, B. A. Hampden-Sydney College, B. D. Union Theological Seminary. He served as Assistant to the Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Virginia, for one year, and as student supply at Second Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Florida, one summer.

Mr. Thompson B. Southall, Jr., candidate of East Hanover Presbytery; three years of B. A. course at Hampden-Sydney College; diploma without degree from Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Southall pledges himself to complete his college work for B. A. degree at Randolph-Macon College. He served as Assistant to Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, one summer and one year as student pastor at Ashland, Virginia.

Mr. Joseph G. Morrison, candidate of King's Mountain Presbytery, B. A. Davidson College, B. D. Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Morrison served as student pastor at Ahoskie, North Carolina, for one summer and as Religious Director at Eastern Carolina Training School, Rocky Mount, N. C.

A letter of transfer from King's Mountain Presbytery to East Hanover Presbytery was presented for Mr. Joseph G. Morrison and he was received as a candidate into East Hanover Presbytery.

The Committee recommends:

1. That the college and Seminary diplomas of J. A. Millard, Jr., Robert D. Carson, and Joseph G. Morrison be accepted in lieu of examination in college subjects, required by the Book of Church Order, and the examinations in original languages of the Scriptures and Church History.

2. That the examinations in college subjects, required by the Book of Church Order, be omitted in the case of Mr. Inman, in view of the fact that he had taken only two years of college work, and in the original languages of the Scriptures in view of his having taken only the English course at Union Theological Seminary.

3. That in the case of Mr. Southall his full three years of B. A. course at Hampden-Sydney College, together with his promise to complete his work for the B. A. degree at Randolph-Macon College, be accepted in lieu of examination in college subjects.

4. That the following written parts of trial submitted by these gentlemen having been examined by the Committee be approved as satisfactory parts of trial:

Robert Donald Carson—Thesis: "The Resurrection of Christ."

Exegesis: Psalm 51. Popular Lecture: "A Brief Study of the Book of Job."

Samuel Martin Inman—Thesis: "The Reality of the Holy Spirit." Exegesis: Galatians 3:19-29. Popular Lecture: "The Parable of the Ten Virgins."

James Abia Millard, Jr.—Thesis: "The Origin of Sin in the Race and in the Individual." Exegesis: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. Popular Lecture: "The Lord's Prayer."

Joseph Graham Morrison—Thesis: "The Christian Doctrine of Atonement." Exegesis: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:8. Popular Lecture: "Psalm Fifty-one."

Thompson Brown Southall, Jr.—Thesis: "The Place of Discipline in the Church." Exegesis: 2 Corinthians 2:4-11. Popular Lecture: "The Chief End of the Nation, The Book of Micah."

The sermons of the candidates were heard before the examinations, and the sermons were preached as follows: Mr. Millard from John 1:18 and I John 4:12, Mr. Inman from Romans 13:8-10, Mr. Morrison from Matthew 7:24, Mr. Carson from Matthew 15:16, Mr. Southall from John 1:1.

The sermons were approved as satisfactory parts of trial.

The candidates were examined on Theology by Rev. W. E. Hill and the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

Rev. E. T. Thompson examined them on the Sacraments and Church Government and the examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The examinations were approved as a whole.

Calls for these young men were presented, approved, placed in their hands, and were accepted by them, and commissions appointed to ordain and install them as follows:

J. A. Millard, Call from Emporia, Aberdour and Lawrenceville Churches; commission, Rev. E. T. Thompson, to Preside and Preach the Sermon; Rev. J. A. MacLean, to Deliver the Charge to the People; H. J. Womeldorf, to Deliver the Charge to the Pastor. Alternate to either, Rev. M. B. Heizer; Ruling Elders, J. A. Millard, R. M. Friend.

S. M. Inman, Call from Mizpah Church; commission: Rev. E. T. Thompson, to Preside and Preach the Sermon; Rev. G. L. Cooper, to Deliver the Charge to the Pastor; Rev. J. S. Albertson, to Deliver the Charge to the People; Ruling Elder, George Howell; at Mizpah Church, June 28th, 5 P. M.

R. D. Carson, Call from Woodlawn Church; Commission: Rev. Edward Mack, to Preside and Preach the Sermon; to Deliver the Charge to the Pastor, Rev. W. W. White; to Deliver the Charge to the People; Ruling Elder, R. M. Friend; to Propound Constitutional Questions, Rev. J. E. Hemphill; Ruling Elder, Phillip Dunbar; Alternate, Rev. D. T. Caldwell; Place, Woodlawn Church; Time, July 5, 1936, 4 P. M.

J. G. Morrison, Call from Samuel Davies Church; Commission: to Preside and Preach, Rev. J. A. MacLean; to Deliver the Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Edward Mack; to Deliver the Charge to the People, Rev. C. A. McGirt; Ruling Elders, H. H. Wood, A. B. Gathright; Alternate to either, Rev. H. J. Womeldorf; Place, Salem Church (of Samuel Davies Group); Time, July 19, 3 P. M.

Thompson B. Southall. Mr. Southall asked Presbytery to ordain him as an evangelist to work in the foreign field. A telegram was received from the Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions, stating that it is the expectation of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions to appoint Mr. Southall a missionary to Korea, after he has completed his education, provided its finances justify its doing so.

Presbytery decided to ordain him, and appointed the following commission for that purpose: Rev. N. L. Dennis, to Preside and Preach the Sermon; Rev. J. C. Shrive, to Deliver the Charge to the Candidate; Rev. Fred V. Poag, Ruling Elder, John H. Reed; Alternates, Rev. J. W. Sherman, Ruling Elder, S. B. Love; Place, Ashland Presbyterian Church; Time, July 12, 11 A. M.

The Ashland Church asked permission to employ Mr. Southall as Stated Supply until the fall meeting of Presbytery. The request was granted.

Declare Pulpits Vacant: Your committee appointed to preach in the Petersburg Third and the Fairmount Churches vacant reported that these duties were performed.

The report was approved by Presbytery.

Pastoral Changes: Presbytery adopted the following resolutions:

1. That a committee of five be appointed to study the whole matter of "Changes of Pastorates" and report at the fall meeting of Presbytery with recommendations.

2. That this committee be composed of Rev. E. T. Thompson, chairman, Rev. W. E. Hill and Rev. D. T. Caldwell; Elders C. F. Cole and John M. Friend.

Fall Meeting: On the recommendation of the committee appointed to suggest the time of the fall meeting, Presbytery selected October 19th, 8 P. M., as the time for the fall meeting.

N. L. DENNIS Chairman.

Presbytery adjourned with singing a hymn, prayer and the benediction.

J. S. ALBERTSON, Moderator.

WM. S. CAMPBELL, Stated Clerk.

Called Meeting

July 13, 1936.

East Hanover Presbytery met in called session in the Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond on July 13th at 11 A. M. In the absence of the moderator, Rev. W. T. McDonald presided and the meeting was opened with prayer.

The following members were present:

Ministers—J. M. Marchison, Wm. S. Campbell, T. K. Currie, G. L. Cooper, N. L. Dennis, F. G. Poag, R. V. Lancaster, J. B. Belk, W. T. McDonald, C. A. McGirt, W. W. White, Abner Robertson.

Ruling Elders—W. F. Stevenson, Dr. W. A. Plecker, S. B. Love, L. E. Briggs, R. E. Monsell.

The call was read and found in order and is as follows:

Sandston, Va., July 2, 1936.

The constitutional requirements having been met, there will be a called meeting of East Hanover Presbytery, July 13th at 11 A. M. in Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, to consider the following business:

1. The request of Rev. J. M. Murchison for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the Bethany, Providence Forge and Windsor Shades Churches.

2. The request of Mr. Murchison to be dismissed to Louisiana Presbytery.

3. Any business growing out of these matters.

CHAS. A. McGIRT, Stated Clerk.

Rev. J. M. Murchison presented his resignation as pastor of the Bethany, Providence Forge and Windsor Shades Churches, and asked that the pastoral relation existing between him and those churches be dissolved.

The churches were heard through papers sent to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery. These papers reported that the churchse had agreed to unite with Mr. Murchison in his request.

The Presbytery granted the request and dissolved the pastoral relation.

Rev. J. S. Alberton, Rev. W. W. White, Rev. Abner Robertson and Mr. W. F. Stevenson were appointed a committee to

visit the churches and declare the pulpits vacant and to advise with and assist the churches in securing another pastor.

At his request Mr. Murchison was dismissed to Louisiana Presbytery.

Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Murchison during his years of fruitful labor in this Presbytery, and that the Stated Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Stated Clerk of Louisiana Presbytery.

Dr. P. Frank Price, moderator of General Assembly, was invited to sit with Presbytery as a visiting brother.

Rev. I. S. McElroy, Jr., was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

Rev. James Millard was elected to take Mr. Murchison's place on Presbytery's Committee on Religious Education.

Dr. Price was asked to address the Presbytery.

At the close of the address Presbytery engaged in a season of prayer.

The Minutes were read and approved. The meeting was closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. T. McDONALD Moderator.
CHAS. A. McGIRT, Stated Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BEN

Askings	% Paid	Total	Churches	Foreign Missions	Assembly's Home Missions	Synod's Home Missions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Union Theological Seminary	Assembly's Training School	
$ 100.00	90.0	$ 90.00	Abelour	$ 29.20	$ 15.60	$ 2.40	$ 16.80	$ 2.00	$ 1.20	$
800.00	100.0	800.00	Amelia	252.00	124.00	24.00	160.00	20.00	12.00	
500.00	79.4	397.01	Ashland	129.96	60.29	10.16	72.93	8.46	5.07	
175.00	71.4	125.00	Bethany	33.61	16.55	3.20	21.35	2.66	1.60	
1,500.00	61.3	920.15	Blackstone	261.61	130.61	44.87	134.44	20.94	11.22	
700.00	71.4	500.00	Bon Air	103.47	89.44	17.57	88.80	7.98	4.79	
75.00	100.0	75.00	Bott Memorial	19.27	9.61	1.85	22.39	1.27	.72	
150.00	91.8	137.65	Brett-Reed Memorial	40.25	22.40	3.39	25.86	2.83	1.71	
250.00	100.0	250.00	Brunswick	63.85	31.42	6.08	40.54	5.06	3.04	
200.00	10.0	20.50	Burkeville	4.73	2.33	.45	3.00	.37	.23	
25.00	100.0	25.00	Byrd	7.87	3.88	.75	5.00	.63	.37	
225.00	85.3	192.10	Campbell Memorial	72.81	18.32	4.27	19.52	2.37	3.41	
275.00	75.6	207.89	Chester	65.50	32.22	6.25	41.58	5.20	3.10	
100.00	24.4	24.38	Colonial Heights	8.19	3.98	.77	5.14	.52	.32	
250.00	120.0	300.00	Czechoslovak First	94.50	46.50	9.00	60.00	7.50	4.50	
150.00	37.5	46.20	Drewry's Bluff	14.55	7.16	1.38	9.24	1.15	.69	
500.00	50.0	250.00	Emporia	78.75	38.75	7.50	50.00	6.25	3.75	
100.00	100.0	100.00	Fairfield	11.41	5.62	1.09	67.02	.90	.55	
200.00	101.0	201.87	Fairmount	55.73	29.01	4.26	28.40	3.55	2.13	
300.00	45.9	137.57	Forest Hill	31.50	15.50	3.00	20.00	2.50	1.50	
3,000.00	100.0	3,000.00	Fredericksburg	970.70	439.24	85.02	566.76	65.44	39.27	
120.00	100.0	120.00	Fulton	33.69	19.87	2.69	21.90	2.24	1.34	
100.00	28.3	28.30	Genito	6.61	5.26	1.02	9.10	.53	.32	
15,000.00	87.7	13,157.17	Grace Covenant	4,464.06	2,114.62	294.35	2,341.53	245.29	147.15	
200.00	65.9	131.85	Granite	40.95	20.15	3.90	26.00	3.25	1.95	
150.00	2.2	3.39	Grove Avenue							
75.00	26.7	20.00	Hawkins Memorial	6.30	3.10	.60	4.00	.50	.30	
125.00	134.0	167.45	Hebron	62.02	23.52	1.65	22.00	1.58	1.95	
200.00	71.8	143.69	Hoge Memorial	45.26	22.27	4.31	28.74	3.59	2.15	
200.00	45.1	90.16	Hopewell First	30.16	16.79	1.92	14.05	1.60	.96	
25.00	3.4	.86	King's Chapel	.27	.13	.03	.17	.02	.01	
300.00	100.0	300.00	Lakeside	114.02	51.42	7.05	57.00	5.88	3.52	
175.00	100.0	175.00	Laurel	67.32	24.69	4.29	30.98	3.54	2.24	
125.00	80.0	100.00	Lawrenceville	31.50	15.50	3.00	20.00	2.50	1.50	
200.00	100.4	200.96	Milden	68.41	28.75	5.56	37.09	4.18	2.51	
150.00	110.9	166.34	Milford	29.54	14.54	2.81	25.41	2.35	1.41	
1,000.00	18.0	179.83	Mizpah	17.21		20.70	132.55			
200.00	45.0	90.56	Montrose	30.03	12.56	2.43	16.31	2.03	1.21	
200.00	97.5	195.04	Namozine	58.63	28.36	5.49	36.60	4.57	2.74	
1,500.00	48.8	731.31	Overbrook	232.36	117.44	21.32	147.00	17.76	10.65	
6,000.00	42.7	2,564.10	Petersburg Second	1,029.72	366.43	96.08	423.44	41.25	42.53	
150.00	45.8	68.68	Petersburg Third	18.77	9.23	1.79	11.92	1.49	.89	
400.00	112.9	451.72	Porter Street	156.93	62.53	11.91	79.38	9.03	5.42	
200.00	37.4	74.85	Providence	33.83	8.54	1.65	11.00	1.38	.82	
125.00	46.8	58.59	Providence Forge	14.99	7.38	1.43	9.51	1.18	.72	
600.00	85.7	514.00	Pryor Memorial	161.91	79.67	15.42	102.80	12.85	7.71	
150.00	17.0	25.50	Read Memorial	2.00			3.00	.44	10.25	
8,000.00		20.00	Richmond First							
14,000.00	54.5	7,623.21	Richmond Second	2,340.31	825.81	172.67	779.63	270.00	215.00	
5,000.00	110.7	5,535.51	Richmond, Third	2,279.70	905.95	334.48	657.78	47.55	28.53	
25.00	608.0	152.00	Roseneath	17.64	8.68	1.68	11.20	1.40	.84	
50.00	133.0	66.52	St. James	17.75	9.56	2.50	12.21	1.25	1.75	
100.00	49.2	49.22	Samuel Davies	17.87	6.38	1.24	9.23	.63	.37	
275.00	90.3	248.34	Sandston	72.25	30.71	7.04	46.93	4.95	2.97	
6,000.00	60.9	3,654.73	Tabb Street	1,048.11	609.40	92.95	686.86	77.47	46.47	
50.00	502.7	251.34	Union	81.30	35.08	6.80	45.27	5.65	3.39	
50.00	6.0	3.00	Wesley Chapel	.94	.45	.09	.60	.08	.05	
125.00	151.6	189.44	West End	96.15	17.86	2.50	16.60	2.08	1.23	
4,000.00	88.2	3,528.19	Westminster	2,099.70	347.24	66.29	388.33	49.66	29.93	
50.00	80.0	40.00	Windsor Shades	12.60	6.20	1.20	8.00	1.00	.60	
25.00	100.0	25.00	Woodlawn	7.87	3.88	.75	5.00	.75	.37	
$ 74,995.00	65.3	$48,939.07	Total	$17,198.14	$ 7,002.38	$ 1,438.85	$ 7,737.79	$ 999.08	$ 682.92	

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A	B	C	Causes
$ 27,968.82	61.6	$17,198.14	Foreign Missions
13,762.44	50.9	7,002.38	Assembly's Home Missions
1,331.85	51.3	682.92	Assembly's Training School
6,659.24	46.7	3,801.99	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief
2,663.70	57.8	1,538.67	Religious Education
443.95	51.3	227.65	Bible Cause
2,502.44	57.5	1,438.85	Synod's Home Missions
2,085.36	48.0	998.08	Union Theological Seminary
2,919.51	43.6	1,271.61	Hampden-Sydney College
2,919.51	40.0	1,166.39	Mary Baldwin College
417.07	53.3	222.41	Virginia Presbyterian School
834.15	47.6	396.89	Massanetta Springs Conference
3,336.58	95.6	3,191.51	Presbyterian Orphans' Home
834.15	63.5	529.60	Sunny Side Home
1,251.23	47.2	590.19	Synod's Religious Education

PPENDIX V.

ERY'S REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

AR ENDING MARCH 31, 1936

BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Foreign Missions 1	Assembly's Home Missions 2	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief 3	Assembly's Religious Education and Publication 4	Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers 5	Bible Cause 6	Synod's Home Missions 7	Synod and Presbytery's Religious Education 8	Homes 9	Educational Institutions 10	Presbytery's Home Missions 11	Current Expenses of School 12	Miscellaneous Contributions 13	Grand Total, All Contributions
$ 35	$ 13	$ 7	$ 6	.....	$ 8	.....	.....	$ 25	.....	.....	$ 8	.....	$ 8
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	$ 51	270
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	290	290
9	5	2	5	$ 1	.....	$ 1	.....	7	$ 3	$ 6	55	.....	94
10	10	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	200	.....	263
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	29	49
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	30
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	161	65	226
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	29	2	81
5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	112	195
11	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	56	162	252
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	.....	68
7	3	1	4	1	1	1	.....	1	2	4	83	.....	108
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	180	.....	188
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75
.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	83	18	122
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	202	.....	208
7	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	163	37	231
.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	122	6	150
3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	54	3	65
471	26	42	277	10	28	.....	.....	180	51	14	.....	.....	1,099
,353	25	25	200	25	.....	25	.....	200	125	25	1,373	500	3,876
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	155	.....	155
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	25	26
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44	.....	44
15	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	47	5	75
.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	167	.....	177
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
66	15	15	10	5	.....	10	.....	5	20	20	320	.....	486
.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	115	.....	140
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	12	2	16
27	13	10	3	1	1	1	.....	4	11	18	61	12	162
.....	.....	7	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	88	3	114
20	21	24	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	378	664	1,160
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	169	.....	173
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	14
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	55	.....	60
.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	251	132	407
30	52	58	47	11	2	9	.....	77	11	9	1,215	115	1,736
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	215	74	294
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	295	.....	295
3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	44
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	118	4	126
5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	344	762
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	6	98	.....	126
0	100	100	71	20	.....	.....	.....	100	10	100	398	10	1,069
5	22	25	73	.....	4	2	.....	43	.....	10	131	192	730
0	78	67	104	.....	.....	.....	.....	123	.....	.....	320	40	812
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	113	.....	112
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	143	186	353
.....	33	74	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	373	160	740
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	113	34	6	445	188	1,070
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$ 416	$ 497	$ 989	$ 74	$ 44	$ 82	.....	$1,187	$ 267	$ 224	$9,226	$3,536	$19,473

Presbytery of East Hanover reports to the General A

Number of ordained ministers.....
Number of churches.....
Number of licentiates.....
Number of candidates.....
Number of licensures.....
Number of ordinations.....
Number of installations.....
Number of pastoral dissolutions.....

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POST OFFICES	CHURCHES	OFFICERS		COMMUNICANTS			I
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Confession	Added on Certificate	Net Membership End of Year	Adult
J. S. Albertson, P.	5512 Hawthorne Ave., Richmond, Va.	Lakeside	6	8	5	14	165	
W. W. Bain, P.	Crewe, Va.	Pryor Memorial	6	10	4	7	244	
" P.	Nottoway, Va.	Nottoway	2	5	0	0	30	
A. Y. Beatie	240 W. 55th St., New York, N. Y.							
J. Blanton Belk, P.	1621 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va.	Grace Covenant	21	28	65	62	1,521	
G. C. Bellingrath, T.	Demarest, Ga.							
M. C. Bowling, P.	Burkeville, Va.	Burkeville	6	6	0	0	115	
" P.	Burkeville, Va.	Bardwell	0	0	0	0	18	
H. T. Bridgeman, F. M.	Yencheng, China							
J. R. C. Brown	State Library, Richmond, Va.							
Percy W. Buchanan, F. M.	Kobe, Japan							
W. McS. Buchanan, F. M.	Kobe, Japan							
O. E. Buchholz, Prof.	1202 Palmyra Ave., Richmond, Va.							
D. T. Caldwell, P.	Petersburg, Va.	Petersburg, 2nd	15	19	17	18	951	
C. A. Campbell	Petersburg, Va.							
Wm. S. Campbell, Ed.	819 E. Franklin St., Richmond, Va.							
W. L. Carson, P.	212 W. Grace St., Richmond, Va.	Richmond, 1st	17	17	10	19	697	
G. L. Cooper, P.	111 Lancaster Road, Richmond, Va.	Overbrook	10	17	17	23	360	
S. O. Coxe	Bena, Va.							
J. H. Cudlipp, P.	110 N. Colonial Ave., Richmond, Va.	Westminster	14	17	8	34	401	
T. K. Currie, Supt.	Box 1176, Richmond, Va.							
Lowry Davis, F. M.	Kashing, China							
N. L. Dennis, P.	Blackstone, Va.	Blackstone	7	12	2	6	240	
J. S. Duckwall, P.	Sweet Hall, Va.	Brett-Reed Memorial	2	2	0	3	81	
E. L. Dupuy	Black Mountain, N. C.							
" P.	King William, Va.	St. James	2	3	4	1	36	
Hugh Fitzpatrick, P.	Ford, Va.	Namozine	4	3	0	4	84	
" P.	Era, Va.	Hawkins Memorial	3	4	9	1	88	
Juan Ortz Gonzales, F. M.	419 4th Ave., New York, N. Y.							
A. P. Hassell, F. M.	Tokoshima, Japan							
M. B. Heizer, P.	Rawlings, Va.	Brunswick	6	7	15	2	212	
" P.	DeWitt, Va.	Bott Memorial	3	2	0	0	42	
J. E. Hemphill, P.	Tabb St., Petersburg, Va.	Tabb Street	11	14	18	7	514	
Wm. E. Hill, P.	9 N. 5th St., Richmond, Va.	Richmond, 2nd	10	29	19	19	812	
Wm. E. Hill, Jr., P.	Hopewell, Va.	Hopewell, 1st	4	5	5	1	148	
" P.	Hopewell, Va.	West End	7	9	30	16	530	
A. J. Hodgin, Sec.	Y. M. C. A., Richmond, Va.							
R. V. Lancaster, Evan.	Ashland, Va.							
Richard V. Lancaster, P.	Fredericksburg, Va.	Fredericksburg						
Edward Mack, Prof.	1102 Westwood Ave., Richmond, Va.							
Adolph Makovsky, P.	Prince George, Va.	First Czechoslovak	2	2		5	75	
H. A. McBath, P.	Sharps, Va.	Milden	5	5	3	0	94	
" P.	Weems, Va.	Campbell Memorial	5	4	4	3	112	
" P.	Weems, Va.	Wesley	5	0	0	0	38	
W. T. McDonald, P.	Macon, Va.	Providence	6	5	1	2	79	
" P.	Clayville, Va.	Genito	7	4	1		64	
" P.	Irwin, Va.	Byrd	1	0	7	3	42	
" P.	Sabot, Va.	Hebron	1	2	0	4	48	
C. A. McGirt, P.	Sandston, Va.	Sandston	5	8	8	3	154	
" P.	Laurel, Va.	Laurel	4	7	3	5	119	
W. A. McIlwaine, F. M.	Nagoya, Japan							
J. A. MacLean, Jr., P.	3420 Hawthorne Ave., Richmond, Va.	Ginter Park	15	18	31	27	714	
T. M. Minor	620 Reservoir Ave., Norfolk, Va.							
A. B. Montgomery, P.	4910 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, Va.	Drewry's Bluff	5	0	1	11	95	
" P.	4910 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, Va.	Centralia	2	2	7	0	52	
" P.	4910 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, Va.	Chester	2	2	3	2	47	
J. M. Murchison, P.	Roxbury, Va.	Bethany	5	5		1	95	

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